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From the editor



WE HAVE THE HOTTEST & COOLEST FESTIVALS THIS SUMMER

Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

As we celebrate our 16th year of publishing, HOToronto Magazine, in its commitment to keeping you informed and enlightened, continues to present you with a host of new on-line download magazine titles.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering festivalss for more than a dozen years, and each year there are more and more festivals popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA.

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We are here to keep you informed.

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FOR SCHEDULES and DETAILS please visit www.beachesjazz.com





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TORONTO FESTIVALS GUIDE 2010

June 1 - 6 WORLWIDE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL Various Locations

Every year the Worldwide Short Film Festival produces a compilation CD of independent Canadian music by Canadian musicians. The compilation CD is an innovative way for filmmakers and musicians to collaborate creatively and form working partnerships. The CD is distributed to over 400 festival delegates. www.worldwideshortfilmfest.com

June 4 - 6 WATERFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL Woodbine Park

The premise is simple: continually maintain the high standard established since year one of The Distillery Blues Festival. They're confident that they've hit the mark with the outstanding 2010 Waterfront Blues line-up of well-established acts and emerging talent. www.waterfrontblues.ca

June 11 - 20 LUMINATO FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS AND CREATIVITY

Dundas Square and Various Locations Now in its third year, Luminato is an annual ten-day celebration of the arts where Toronto's stages, streets, and public spaces are infused with theatre, dance, classical and contemporary music, film, literature, visual arts, and design. Luminato embraces three key programming principles: collaboration, accessibility, and diversity.

Luminato embraces artistic collaboration creating unforgettable moments by bringing together artists from different cultures and genres. The festival encourages local, national, and international artists to discover unprecedented creative expressions through unexpected partnerships. The Luminato staff, led by CEO Janice Price, partners with the Luminato Artistic Committee, as well as the arts leadership of the City of Toronto, to shape the programming offered at the Festival. Luminato's hallmarks include free widely accessible events, and "accidental encounters with art." Festival-goers are invited to participate, explore, and celebrate their own creative spirit.

Luminato embraces and celebrates Toronto's cultural diversity, and recognizes that creativity flourishes when cultures join together in a spirit of tolerance and respect.

Luminato is designed to showcase Toronto's bustling downtown core and the cultural renaissance transforming the city's renowned concert halls, galleries, museum collections, and performing arts companies. Luminato brings Toronto's light to the world, and the world's light to Toronto. *www.luminato.com*

June 12 - 13 WOOFSTOCK

St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Woofstock is the largest outdoor festival for dogs in all of North America. Quirky and fun, Woofstock is a free admission non-stop party that takes place at our hip, newly expanded location, the historic St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood, home to the world-famous food market as well as the dog-friendly Sunday Antique Market. www.woofstock.ca

June 14 - 20 NXNE – NORTH BY NORTHEAST Various Nightclub Locations

Now in its 16th year, North by Northeast Music Festival and Conference (NXNE) has become the Canadian festival destination for new and emerging talent—unsigned bands, indie favourites, and major-label headlining artists alike. Seen as the most anticipated summer music event in Canada, NXNE has cemented itself as an essential showcase opportunity for the best in new music.

For five days and nights the NXNE Music Festival offers the hottest music and the freshest music-related ideas—all within a few km of each other. NXNE 2009 presented over 600 international, national and local acts at 50 official festival stages in downtown Toronto's famous club district. More than 250,000 music fans attended the festival, with thousands of industry professionals taking part in conference sessions and thousands more fans at the concurrent NXNE Film Festival.

Many performers have played NXNE on their way to major worldwide breakthroughs. Hotly tipped buzz bands and soon-to-be-discovered gems join international touring acts, making NXNE eclectic and exciting. www.nxne.com

June 18 - 20 TASTE OF LITTLE ITALY College Street between Bathurst and Shaw Streets

Little Italy is one of Toronto's most popular entertainment areas with a great variety of Italian restaurants, trattorias, bars and cafés. Other cultures have also made culinary inroads and you'll find Japanese, Mexican, and Portuguese eateries as well. Come enjoy this kick off to Summer with world music bands performing on street corners, and tasting tables offering samples of their menus for \$1-\$5. *www.tasteoflittleitaly.ca*

June 25 - July 4 PRIDE WEEK 2010 Various Locations

Pride Week in Toronto is one of Canada's premier arts and cultural festivals and one of

the largest Pride celebrations in the world. Together with the thousands of individuals, community groups, businesses and participating sponsors, we are proud to celebrate the lives and stories of Toronto's Queer Communities. Pride Week features 10 days of world class arts and cultural programming, community activities, one of the world's largest street festivals, Pride Parade, Dyke March, Family programming, Blackness Yes and Youth and much more.

Pride Week Events include: Pride Week 2010 Official Launch Party;The Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall; Global Human Rights for Queers; Pride Gala & Awards Dinner; The Community Fair & Marketplace; Eight live Entertainment Stages over three days -Family Pride; The Dyke March; and of course The spectacular 30th Annual Pride Parade on July 4 at 2 pm.

www.pridetoronto.com

June 19 - 20 22nd TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACE FESTIVAL Toronto Centre Island

A two-day fun-filled event that brings sports, team spirit and community spirit to Toronto Centre Island.

The Festival, which started in 1989, entered the international arena in 1993. From the humble beginning of only 27 teams participating in the first festival back in 1989, it has evolved to a much bigger operation over the past two decades.

Organized by the Toronto Chinese Business Association and the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival, the Festival in 2010 will once again expect 180 to 200 teams with 5,000 athletes. Paddlers of different backgrounds from all over the world will take part in the ancient Chinese tradition and friendly competition.

www.dragonboats.com

June 25 - July 4 TORONTO DOWNTOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Nathan Philips Square & Various Locations The TD Toronto Jazz Festival has become known as one of North America's premier jazz festivals produced annually by Toronto Downtown Jazz. What began in 1987 as an eight day showcase of jazz now attracts in excess of 500,000 loyal patrons annually over 10 days. Attractions include more than 350 performances with over 1,500 musicians performing at approximately 40 locations around Toronto. The heart of the Festival is located at Nathan Phillips Square with an impressive 1,200 seat fully-licensed Mainstage Concert Theatre and outdoor stage, and where many events are offered free to the public. www.torontojazz.com

June 30 - July 4 TORONTO RIBFEST Centennial Park

Toronto Ribfest, the largest Canada Day celebration, is held over the long weekend at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. Make Ribfest your family destination – there's fun and excitement for all! In its 11th year, this popular event put on by the Rotary Club of Etobicoke attracts over 100,000 visitors who come to enjoy live music, succulent ribs and the beer tents. Children are delighted with candy floss, carnival rides, the climbing wall and pony rides. On Canada Day, a lively fireworks display celebrates Canada's birthday at dusk. *www.torontoribfest.com*

July 1 SUMMERFEST Woodbine Park

Vinyl 95.3 radio presents their first Summerfest featuring FREE live entertainment all day long. Classic performers like David Clayton-Thomas, Glass Tiger, Five Man Electrical Band, The Spoons and a special performance by the cast of Rock of Ages will celebrate Canada's birthday in style.

www.vinyl953.com

July 1, 3 & 10 FESTIVAL OF FIRE Ontario Place

For three nights every year the Festival of Fire international on-water fireworks competition, choreographed to music, lights up the sky over Toronto's Lake Ontario, dazzling around two million spectators. A major international pyrotechnics showdown, the festival features displays presented by competing nations and a grand finale, sending the event out with a bang. The fireworks are launched from a lake freighter moored off the south shore of Ontario Place - where the prime viewing and judging takes place. Additional entertainment surrounds each day, with entertainers performing throughout the park leading up to the fireworks. The shows start at 10:30 pm, each night. www.ontarioplace.com

June 30 - July 2 REDPATH TORONTO WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Toronto Waterfront

The TALL SHIPS will once again be coming to Toronto, Canada Day weekend 2010. As the focal point of the Festival, Toronto will host tall ships from around the world as the first major port in the Great Lakes United TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®, a series of tall ship races coordinated by the American Sail Training Association (ASTA). Over the course of the four-day Festival Toronto will welcome up to a million visitors to Toronto's Waterfront. Invited Tall Ships include: BRIGG Roald Amudsen, Germany; BARK Europa, The Netherlands; Freedom Schooner AMISTAD, U.S.A; Denis Sullivan, U.S.A; Pride of Baltimore II, U.S.A; Flagship Niagara, U.S.A ... and others! Also present at the festival will be Toronto's homeport vessels: Empire Sandy, Pathfinder, Playfair, Challenge, and Kajama. www.towaterfrontfest.com

July 1, 3 & 4 CHIN INTERNATIONAL PICNIC Exhibition Place

This 3-day event attracts 250,000 people annually and remains the largest, free picnic in the country. Come and experience the sights and sounds of the CHIN International Picnic with free admission, come every day! Each day enjoy a star-studded lineup of performers from around the world; thousands of community singers, dancers and performers; family fun with Zero Gravity Circus shows, K-9 Dog Challenges, Jungle Cat Shows, Midway circus shows; petting zoo, pony rides, midway rides and amusements, and much more! International Shopping Bazaar in the Better Living Building; Miss CHIN Bikini and Mr. CHIN Competitions; Midweek Cycling Club pro-am cycling races; Maximum Pro Wrestling shows; Ontario Boxing Tournament; World Cup Soccer Fever; Beer garden, and dozens and dozens of food and beverage concessions. Best of all, admission to all events and shows are FREE. www.chinradio.com

www.cninraaio.com

June 30 - July 11 FRINGE FESTIVAL "TORONTO'S THEATRE FESTIVAL"

The Fringe is Toronto's largest theatre festival. Last year it hosted over 150 theatre companies from around the globe - most from right here in Toronto! With over 29 different venues and 800+ artists, the Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival is Toronto's largest theatre festival. Join the excitement and beat the economic blues with 59,000 other Fringers as you sit back and see Broadways' next hit, or something wild and wacky - all for under \$10. Productions range from dramas to musical extravaganzas to improv and take place in local theatres as well as in unusual spots: playgrounds, parking lots and more. A FringeKids! venue hosts eight plays exclusively for children and families. The festival also hosts a beer tent, two outdoor patios and a free nightly Cabaret. www.fringetoronto.com

July 2 - 4 TASTE OF LAWRENCE INTERNATIONAL FOOD + CULTURAL FESTIVAL Lawrence Avenue East

between Warden Avenue to Pharmacy

Savour the flavour of the multicultural tastes and talents of Scarborough at the 2010 Taste of Lawrence festival. It's a celebration of diversity from throughout Scarborough, across the GTA and around the world. Three days of nonstop food and entertainment take over Lawrence Avenue East as 200,000 people come together to show their Scarborough spirit and their incredible spirit for life and all of its delicious possibilities. Experience nonstop international talent on two stages. Win fantastic prizes. Shop for tasty specials at the diverse merchants of the Wexford Heights BIA. *www.tasteoflawrence.com*

July 9 - 25 SUMMERLICIOUS Various Restaurant Locations

Now in its eighth year, Summerlicious celebrates Toronto's restaurant industry and is the perfect opportunity for foodies to sample the best of the city's eclectic cuisine. Take advantage of the incredible value and exclusive prix fixe menus offered at 150 of Toronto's top dining establishments! www.toronto.ca/special_events.com

July 3-4 13TH ANNUAL CORSO ITALIA TORONTO FIESTA

St. Clair Ave. W. (west of Dufferin)

A wonderful opportunity for the whole family to experience the food and culture of Toronto's own Corso Italia. Over 30 bands will perform live on street corners, patios and balconies. Featured are a variety of music from classical to salsa. In addition, food and beverage retailers will offer a mouth-watering selection of tastes and flavours, with promotions and samples of their cuisine. www.torontofiesta.com

July 2-4 HOT SPOT FESTIVAL Harbourfront Centre

This festival is part of Harbourfront Centre's World Routes Summer Festivals 2010. Returning for the second year, this festival explores the hottest trends and obsessions in music, food, film and dance that lead the way in creativity and innovation around the world. This festival enables you to travel the globe and experience how cultural forms become universal symbols, yet remain rooted to local cultures.

July 9 - 11 TORONTO OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION

Nathan Phillips Square

As the largest outdoor art exhibition in Canada, the TOAE offers a fresh-air alternative to conventional art shows and galleries. Approximately 500 artists participate and over 100,000 visitors attend the exhibition every year. Side by side, established artists, undiscovered talents and innovative students sell their work directly to the public and make lasting connections with art dealers and collectors. Applications from artists working in a wide range of traditional and experimental art forms are welcome. *www.torontoourdoorart.org*

July 16 - 18 HONDA INDY TORONTO Exhibition Place

2.84km, 11-turn temporary street course Racing Series will feature:

IZOD IndyCar Series

The IZOD IndyCar Series is the premier openwheel racing series in the United States and Canada. The series features a diverse field of stars with participants from the United States, Canada, Japan, England, Scotland, The Netherlands, Venezuela, Australia, and New Zealand. *Firestone Indy Lights Series*

Since its inception in 2002, the Firestone Indy Lights has been the premier ladder series for drivers and teams striving to compete in the IZOD IndyCar Series and the Indianapolis 500. More than 20 drivers who have competed in the Firestone Indy Lights have raced in the IZOD IndyCar Series.

NASCAR Canadian Tire Series

The NASCAR Canadian Tire Series features Canada's finest drivers and teams competing in a cross-country tour to determine Canada's national stock car racing champion.

ACURA Sports Car Challenge

The 2010 ACURA Sports Car Challenge (Toronto) features North America's top production car-based championship, the SCCA Pro Racing World Challenge Championships. World Challenge is separated into three classes, GT, GTS & Touring Car.

World Challenge GT Championships

Allowed body styles in this class include: coupes, hatchbacks, wagons, & sedans. Manufacturers may include: Porsche, Dodge, Ford, Lamborghini, Chevrolet, Aston Martin, Mercedes-Benz, & Cadillac.

World Challenge GTS Championships

Allowed body styles in this class include: coupes, hatchbacks, wagons, & sedans - fewer modifications than their GT counterparts. Manufacturers may include: Ford, Dodge, Acura, Mazda, BMW, & Chevrolet.

World Challenge Touring Car Championships

Allowed body styles in this class include: coupes, sedans, & convertible. Manufacturers may include: Acura, Honda, Mazda, BMW, Volkswagen, Scion, Ford,

Subaru, & Dodge.

Castrol Canadian Touring Car Championship

Features head-to-head competition in two unique classes between Canada's best drivers. SCCA Pro Racing Trans-Am Series

North America's oldest surviving professional road racing series brings a rich history and tradition in its return to Toronto's street course. Dating back to the 1960s, this classic series is best known for competition between American V8 Sedans.

Event entertainment during the Indy includes: Auto Expo showcasing fine cars & racecars Budweiser Beer Gardens Driver & Celebrity autograph sessions Pizza Pizza Family Zone Race Paddock Interactive games & exhibits Live Music Stunt teams Toronto Sun Thunder Alley www.hondaindytoronto.com

July 17-18 SALSA ON ST. CLAIR St. Clair Ave. West , Hillcrest Village,

between Winona Drive And Christie Ave. Salsa on St. Clair is Canada's largest Latinothemed festival and wraps-up the Latino week in Toronto. Salsa on St. Clair has attracted over 1 million salsa lovers to the streets of Toronto since its launch in 2005. Join in on the parade of fun as midtown Toronto's Hillcrest Village, between Winona Drive and Christie Street will be transformed into a showcase of Latin life. The festival features: Live Music, Dance Lessons, Latin Flavours, Family Fun. *www.toronto.ca*

July 10 - 11 AFROFEST Queens Park

Afrofest is the African cultural event of the summer, with plenty to see and do! It is a FREE weekend-long celebration of African culture and diversity centred on the non-stop music and dance taking place on three outdoor stages. Afrofest features world-renowned African music acts, as well as dozens of highly-rated African musical groups based in Canada. With a bustling African marketplace, food and craft vendors, artistic displays, a Children's Village, a drum stage, music workshops, and organized fun and educational activities for youth and children, Afrofest provides guaranteed fun for the whole family, to people of all ethnicities and communities.

This year Afrofest will celebrate Africa's First World Cup. The FIFA World Cup of soccer will be held in South Africa, the first time ever it has been hosted by an African country. The tournament's climactic final will be held on the Sunday of Afrofest 2010. Music Africa will seek to capture some of the energy and excitement of this event and bring it to the heart of Toronto. Football/soccer is extremely popular in many African countries, as well as the African diaspora and immigrant communities in North America. Tournaments often function as important ocassions for community-building, when friends and family all come together and celebrate with food, music and socializing. Six African countries (South Africa, Ghana, Algeria, Cameroon, Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire) qualified for the World Cup. Music Africa hopes to feature musicians and performers from all the qualifying nations, and of course from many others as well, into the 2010 programme. www.muiscafrica.org

July 15 - August 2 CARIBANA FESTIVAL Various Locations CARIBANA PARADE - July 31 Exhibition Place + Lakeshore Blvd.

Scotiabank Caribana Festival is an exciting two-week cultural explosion of Caribbean music, cuisine, revelry as well as visual and performing arts. In its 43nd year it has become a major international event and the largest cultural festival of its kind in North America. As Carnival is an international cultural phenomenon, the great metropolis of Toronto and its environs will come alive as the city explodes with the pulsating rhythms and melodies of Calypso, Soca, Reggae, Hip Hop, Chutney, Steel Pan and Brass Bands. This colourful exhibition and display of genius is truly a musical panorama that is certain to bring a pleasing smile to the ancestral titans of Pan and Calypso music.

The Caribana Festival is an expression of Toronto's multicultural and multiracial society. An increasing number of attendees and participants come from the US and overseas. The events are planned months in advance. The costumes and mas band displays are elaborate and oh so delicately worn and designed for movement. Move they do, in a breath-taking spectrum of colours that is best reflected in the King and Queen Showcase on Parade Day. No Scotiabank Caribana Festival is complete without African Drumming along with the Arts and Crafts displays celebrating "Things Caribbean"!

In 2010, Scotiabank Caribana Festival season is destined to be six (6) weeks culminating in the pinnacle of Parade Day (July 31) on the Lakeshore with a kaleidoscope of music, colourful costumes, theatrical mas band displays, steel bands beating intricate orchestrations coupled with mouth watering feasts of Caribbean cuisine and delicacies. Events include: Calypso Tent Music Series Junior Carnival, "Kaiso 365" Calypso Monarch Finals. "From the Soul" Art Exhibition Caribana Gala After Party, Caribana Gala Clash of Tents, King & Queen Show, Pan Alive, Caribana Parade, Caribana Tent Villages, Temperature 'De Festival', Tropical Rhythms - Caribbean Food Festival and Caribana Lime

www.caribanafestival.com

July 6 - 11 JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL Various Club and Theatre Locations

6 nights - 100+ comics - 14 venues

Just For Laughs creates a unique Toronto Comedy Festival experience and intends to return year after year, spreading the gift of laughter and expanding the Just For Laughs world. From July 6 to 11, the Toronto Just For Laughs Festival will once again bring the world's best comedians to Toronto. Since 2007, the Festival has already entertained over 350,000 visitors with such renowned stars such as Russell Peters, John Cleese, Sarah Silverman and Sugar Sammy. Just For Laughs have achieved 27 years of comedy festival experience and so have developed a truly distinctive event that is in sync with the Toronto of today. Toronto's diversity, tourism base, and top notch amenities assure that the Festival has something for everyone's sense of humour.

www.toronto.hahaha.com

July 16 - 25 BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL Queen Street East / Woodbine Park / Kew Gardens/Boardwalk

The Beaches International Jazz Festival has grown steadily since that first year of an afternoon of Jazz in the park into a world-class event that attracts an annual audience of 1 million people. Now, in celebration of its 22nd anniversary, Beaches Jazz - voted Toronto's #1 music event in a 2006 Toronto Star Decima Poll - has been enhanced to include an additional weekend at Woodbine Park to complement the well-established Main Stage concerts at Kew Gardens, StreetFest, and Jazz related workshops. Also new this year is the Latin Square on the boardwalk near the Leuty Lifeguard Station.

July 16 - 18 WOODBINE PARK

Be on hand lakeside at Woodbine Park for the launch of the Beaches International Jazz Festival and the kick-off to the Festival's 22nd year celebrations. Multiple outdoor stages featuring free concerts. Featuring the "New Generation" and "Youth" stages celebrating young upcoming musicians that are making an impact. Located at the western edge of the Beach community, Woodbine Park is located at the corner of Northern Dancer Boulevard and Lake Shore Boulevard East (Northern Dancer is between Coxwell and Woodbine Avenues).

July 22 - 24 STREETFEST

Queen Street East Woodbine to Beech Ave. StreetFest is a Beaches International Jazz Festival original event showcasing the finest in Big Band, Swing, Dixieland, Smooth, Post-Bop, Afro-Cuban, Fusion, Funk, R&B and Soul sounds that Canada has to offer. Upwards of 50 bands entertain you along a closed 2 km stretch of Queen Street East! It's an annual evening pilgrimage for close to a million folks who come out to groove to the music and soak in the ambience.

July 24 - 25 KEW GARDENS

Continuous free concerts over the weekend by notable jazz music headliners on the main stage in Kew Gardens, located in the heart of Toronto's Beach community. A unique yearly opportunity to witness up front and personal, jazz musicians who've created that special buzz on the international music scene. Stay tuned for our 2010 headline acts! Bring along friends and family. Settle in on your beach blanket or chair, or check out our outdoor licensed lounge located within viewing distance of the stage! Limited capacity special viewing area for those who use wheelchairs/scooters. Check out the official website for a full listing of performers or download the official program from the www.HOToronto.com www.beachesjazz.com

July 20 - August 14 TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL Edward Johnson Building (Faculty of Music) at the University of Toronto

An international classical music festival and academy now entering its fifth season, Toronto Summer Music (TSM) brings world-renowned performing artists to Toronto for an unparalleled combination of performances and summer music education.

Programmed by celebrated Artistic Director Agnes Grossmann, the TSM Festival offers classical music lovers a feast of engaging concerts, enriched by master classes, lectures, exhibitions and workshops. During four weeks of programming, Toronto audiences step into an intimate world imbued with musical energy and creative activity, a world where classical music expresses its power to unite body and soul.

The only summer music program of its kind in Ontario, the TSM Academy offers instruction at the highest level to musicians at thethreshold of their professional careers through individual master classes and string quartet, composition and chamber music workshops *www.torontosummermusic.com*

July 23-25 MASALA MEHNDI MASTI Exhibition Place

July 24

MABUHAY FESTIVAL 2010 Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building

It is one of the premier festivals in Toronto and is the largest celebration of Philippine heritage, arts and culture in the country. This event has experienced phenomenal growth in attendance since its inception in 1991.

It has become a summer destination for the Filipino coummunity, various ethnic groups and the Canadian mainstream. This multi-event celebration, held in various venues, begins in April and culminates in October with the Festival in the middle of summer scheduled on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, The venue is "located in the heart of vibrant downtown Toronto, a thriving multicultural mosaic. It is within walking distance to the waterfront, 12,000 hotel rooms, fine shopping, restaurants and attraction." The city's business, financial, fashion and cultural districts are minutes from its doorsteps and just 20 minutes to the airport." Its location makes it a virtual mecca for out of town tourists. www.pdictoronto.com

July 31 - August 2 THE PIRATE FESTIVAL Milton, Ontario.

Grab parrots, hooks, and eye patches and get ready to walk the plank ye scurvy dogs. Thar she blows! Landlubbers, sea cap'ns and all who share the heart of a pirate be welcome. The village stages will be filled from morning 'til evening with family friendly shows. There be buxom beauties and wenches on hand, music and comedy, feats of skill and bravery, sword fighting, and buried treasure to hunt. *www.thepiratefestival.com*

August 28 - 29 GREEN TORONTO FESTIVAL Yonge-Dundas Square

Bigger, better and greener than ever, this year's Green Toronto Festival will transform Yonge-Dundas Square into a celebration of all things green! Stroll through more than 100 exhibits of green products and services, sample some scrumptious locally grown food and enjoy live bands & special guest speakers, all in a car-free environment — Yonge Street will be closed to traffic from Dundas to Queen. *www.toronto.ca*

July 30 – August 2 IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2010

Nathan Phillips Square and Queens Park The 9th annual TD IRIE Music Festival is a multi-media extravaganza featuring dance, visual art, spoken word and of course great music from theCaribbean, Latin America, Africa and North America. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Toronto, taking place in three great locations: Queen's Park, Nathan Phillips Square and Yonge Dundas Square. www.iriemusicfestival.com

August 5 - 8 TORONTO'S FESTIVAL OF BEER Bandshell Park - Exhibition Place

A celebration of Canada's rich brewing history, hosted by experts of the brewing craft from around the country. Featuring more than 200 brands of beer on-site, this is Canada's premier celebration of the golden beverage. *beerlicious.ca*

August 6 -8

TASTE OF THE DANFORTH Danforth Ave., East of Broadview Avenue.

GreekTown Taste of the Danforth is one of Toronto's signature events, showcasing Hellenic cuisine and culture. You can enjoy mouth-watering Greek cuisine such as souvlaki and spanakopita. The festival also offers the multicultural tastes of the city. The street festival is in the heart of Toronto's GreekTown, and attracts hungry mouths from all over the world for this renowned street festival. They come for the food, the entertainment, the atmosphere, and to be Greek for the weekend! This festival is a must for foodlovers as samples of a variety of the ethnic dishes available at Greek Town restaurants are available for tasting. The event also includes two stages for bands, a Healthy Eating, Healthy Lifestyle Village, a midway, a sports area, a Beer Garden, a Martini Lounge and the Greek Wines Garden.

www.tasteofthedanforth.com

August 13 - 14 YORK-EGLINTON INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL

Along Eglinton Ave. West corridor from Marlee Ave. to Dufferin Street

The 3rd Annual York-Eglinton International Street Festival offers everyone a weekend of hot music and fun activities. Begin your weekend with music and a sidewalk sale on Eglinton Ave. West. Running from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., businesses offer great deals and sales to kick off the event. On Saturday, live musical performances, dancers, street magicians, buskers, face painters, a kid zone, and a variety of vendors will take over the street and offer something for everyone! There'll be exciting giveaways, kids' activities, and more. Best of all, admission is FREE!

www.internationalstreetfest.com

August 13 - 15 HOT & SPICY FOOD FESTIVAL Harbourfront Centre

Hot, sour, sweet and salty! The Hot & Spicy Food Festival serves up diverse hot food and flavors from around the globe, and occasionally pairs a spicy dish with a complementary sampling of the hot sounds of the region. One of the most popular festivals at Harbourfront. www.harbourfrontcentre.com

August 13 - 20 TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL Bloor Cinema

Toronto After Dark Film Festival is one of the world's leading showcases of thrilling cinema. The critically acclaimed annual festival, now in its 5th Year, showcases new horror, sci-fi, action and cult films from around the world, including numerous award-winning features and shorts. Last year's festival was attended by a record 9,000 enthusiastic film fans and over 100 members of press and industry. In a poll of local filmgoers, Toronto After Dark was also voted Runner-Up for Best Film Festival in the City. The 5th annual Toronto After Dark Film Festival returns to thrill thousands of fans over 8 amazing nights at the Bloor Cinema with 17 new horror, sci-fi, action and cult movies! In the last two years fans at Toronto After Dark got to be the first to see such amazing films as LET THE RIGHT ONE IN, TRUICK 'R

TREat, Dead Snow, Repo! The Genetic Opera, Grace and Black Dynamite. www.torontoafterdark.com

August 20 - September 6 CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (CNE)

Exhibition Place

Since opening day in 1879, the Canadian National Exhibition has been a real bargain for families looking for great entertainment, education and a whole bunch of excitement.... and it's no different in 2010! All events are free with admission to the CNE. Included are this year's presentation of the Canadian International Air Show, MANA: Cirque Fantaisiste, the daily CNE Mardi Gras Parade and the SuperDogs Show, just to name a few. You can download the CNE brochure from their official website or at our own website*www.HOToronto.com www.theex.com*

August 31 - September 6 ASHKENAZ FESTIVAL Harbourfront Centre

Celebrating the city's Yiddish culture, this week long event held at the Harbourfront Centre is Toronto's most important Jewish celebration. The 10-acre site comes alive with festival productions and works of art created by world-famous artists. With more than 175 artisans from 10 different countries, the festival adds an international flavor to a communal experience. Musicians, poets, painters, sculptors, actors and dancers come together the last week of August through the first week of September to celebrate before the sun sets on another summer. Most events are free of charge. *www.ashkenazfestival.com*

August 26 - 29 BUSKERFEST St. Lawrence Market

Every summer, for 4 days and nights, the streets of the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood come to life with laughter, cheering, aplause and flames when some of the best street performers from around the world gather for the Toronto International BuskerFest. Contortionists, comedians, clowns, magicians, musicians, acrobats, aerialist artists, daredevils and so many more, all strut their stuff to the delight of crowds of all ages. Admission is by donation to Epilepsy Toronto. Playing in the street has never been so much fun! *www.torontobuskerfest.com*

September 3 -6 HISPANIC FIESTA Mel Lastman Square

The 29th Anniversary of Hispanic Fiesta in 2010 is ready to fill Mel Lastman Square with the splendid sounds, tempting treats and colorful culture that the Hispanic heritage is famous for. Hispanic Fiesta will feature the best known local & International Hispanic performers covering 20 different countries, that speak Spanish. More than 300 local, national and international performers will be taking part in the festival. *www.hispanicfiesta.com*

September 8 - 12 THE JUNCTION ARTS FESTIVAL Dundas St. West from Indian Grove to St. Johns Road.

The Junction Arts Festival proudly promotes the arts while offering something for everyone. One of the largest art meets street festivals in North America, the Junction Arts Festival provides the opportunity to stroll through lively street venues featuring engaging art exhibits, live musical performers at the open-air stages, strolling performers, and children's activities. *www.junctionartsfest.com*

September 9 - 19 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Various Theatre Locations

The Toronto International Film Festival ranks among the most prestigious international film festivals in the world. For ten days, film lovers, filmmakers, industry professionals and media watch the best in new cinema from established masters and new talent.

The Toronto International Film Festival presents one of the world's largest annual showcases of Canadian film with the Canada First!, Short Cuts Canada and Canadian Open Vault programmes. TIFF receives more than 4,000 submissions and screens more than 300 films annually. It has many programmes in which films from 65 countries are screened. TIFF also presents two public screenings of virtually every invited film and at least one screening for press and industry. With more than 1,000 internationally accredited media, this festival attracts thousands of Canadian and international industry delegates. As one of the world's most important cultural events, the Festival consistently strives to set the standard for excellence in film programming. Audiences are exposed to the work of emerging talent and masters of the cinema craft from around the world.

The Festival also serves as a platform for this country's artists to share their stories. Audacious in its selection and supported by the strength and intelligence of its international audience, the Festival has become the landmark destination for the moving image - and is forging ahead, seeking new ways to engineer creative and cultural discovery through film. One of North America's premier film events. The Toronto International Film Festival attracts worldwide attention and many of the 'movers and shakers' in the movie industry. The festival is held at a variety of venues throughout the city. Internationally renowned, this film festival shows between 300 and 400 films at approximately 23 screens in downtown Toronto each year. First formed in 1976, the TIFF features blockbuster Hollywood hits, as well as independent works from Canada and around the world. www.tiff.net

September 11 IMPORTFEST 2010 Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building

Combine one part glitz and glamour, with one part sleek and cool design engineering; add in some lovely ladies and you have a recipe for the hottest car show in North America. Showcasing over 400 modified sport compact cars from across North America and hosting various exhibitors and manufactures including accessories, performance parts and other car merchandise; this show has something for every car enthusiast alike.

www.importfest.com

September 26 THE WORD ON THE STREET Queen's Park

Celebrate reading, writing, and literacy at Canada's largest book and magazine festival: The Word on the Street. Visit any of the 250 book, magazine, and literacy exhibitor booths to discover new writers, new publications, and new talent. Take in readings, ask questions, and get your books signed by almost 200 authors, performers, and storytellers. Enjoy great programming all day at any one of 18 performance venues, which include a Bestsellers Stage, Children's Activity Tent, and the Wordshop: The Place for Writers. Last year more than 200,000 people enjoyed The Word on the Street; come see what all the type is about! *www.thewordonthestreet.ca*

October 20 - 24 CREATIV FESTIVAL 2010 Metro Toronto Convention Centre,

South Building

Creativ Festival is trend spotting, inspiration, new products, spectacular shopping, hands-on conference workshops, industry experts, howtos, make 'n takes, seminars, fashion, style & trunk shows, exquisite displays, meet & greets (tv hosts, authors, designer and artist), door pizes and more. It's where you go to get the insider tips, trade secrets and stay-in-the know on what's hot, what's new and what's next in the world of sewing, knitting, beading, quilting, needlework, paper crafts and more! Cited as "one of the best" in the July/August '03 issue of Vogue Patterns, the Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival was established in 1988. Here you can learn how to put your own one-of-a-kind stamp on everything from clothes and curtains to greeting cards and accessories. From embellishing off-therack-items to constructing custom clothing and jewellery, the Festival is known all over the world as the premier consumer show for creative individuals who craft-it or create-it themselves.

www.csnf.com

October 22 - November 7 THE TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL Various Locations

As a Toronto city-wide event, the Toronto-Chocolate Festival is back for its 5th year. This is the event where CHOCOLATE is featured in all its magnificent and tasty forms. Toronto Chocolate Festival will present several delectable, delicious and simply decadent events. Included is the world-famous Chocolate Ball Gala (October 22), Chocolicious, 911 Chocolate Relay, Dinner with the ChocElite, Luxury Chocolate Tours, Hot Cha Cha Chocolate Nights, High Tea and Chocolate and the all new Luxury Chocolate Show (November 7) at Roy Thomson Hall. www.torontochocolatefestival.com

November 26 - 28 CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL Copps Coliseum, Hamilton

The 3 Grand Entries in the POW WOW are the spectacular highlight of the Canadian Aboriginal Festival. The entire family will enjoy the visually stunning display as nearly 1000 native dancers and drum singing groups from across North America join together on the floor of the Copps Coliseum.

Each of the Pow Wow ceremonies begins with the Grand Entry, when all dancers enter the Dance Circle for the first time. The pageantry and drama of the Grand Entry make it one of the most beautiful traditional Aboriginal ceremonies and a must see for anyone interested in native culture and customs.

For those not familiar with Pow Wows, it is one of the oldest, most important and colourful Aboriginal ceremonies.

Pow Wows traditionally have been dedicated to warriors and a way of giving thanks to the Creator for all that Mother Earth provides for Her people. In short a "Thanksgiving" ceremony. The Pow Wow is the center piece of the Canadian Aboriginal Festival with visitors from all parts of Canada and around the world gathered in Hamilton at the Copps Coliseum to witness this most beautiful traditional ceremony. All peoples of all races and creeds are invited. Other highlights of the festival are:The Canadian Aboriginal Awards, Market Place, Fashion Show, Lacrosse Competition, Traditional Teachings and Workshops. *www.canab.com*



GTA & SOUTHERN ONTARIO

MISSISSAUGA

June 5 - 7 BREAD & HONEY FESTIVAL Streetsville

Streetsville's 37th Bread and Honey Festival is held in Streetsville Memorial Park, a natural amphitheatre site of 30 acres on the Credit River. This year the festival will take place from June 4 - 6, and as usual, expect the tongue-tantalizing sensations of the locally made bread from the local flourmills in Streetsville, the Reid Milling and ADM Milling flourmills. Of course, to go with the local bread, local honey is also used. Various forms of music will be featured on the main stage Saturday and Sunday from 60's to rock and Jazz. Pop and Country. There will be events and features for children like the petting zoo located on the fairgrounds, including a rubber duck race through the Credit River, food concession stands and various rides. The Bread and Honey Festival begins with the Lions Carnival on Friday with the Mammoth Parade taking place at 10 am sharp on Saturday June 6th. The festival, a non-profit, volunteer-run event, ends at 6 pm on Sunday.

June 19 PEEL ECOFEST The Britannia Farm 5520 Hurontario Street

Peel Ecofest is a FREE public celebration of environmental action in Peel ... in schools, at home or in the community!

Ecofest is a rain or shine event. A portion of the festival is under a tent. Please make sure to dress for the weather and bring your sunscreen. To help keep Ecofest waste free, no bottled water will be available at the event. Please remember to bring a reusable water bottle that can be filled at the water refill stations. You may also consider bringing reusable containers or dishes if you plan to have lunch at the festival. Remember your picnic blanket for the main stage area.

www.planetfriendly.net

June 18 - 20 MISSISSAUGA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL Port Credit Memorial Park Mississauga

The 14th Annual Mississauga Waterfront Festival is a hugely anticipated event attracting up to 65,000 people and reaching more than 1,000,000 through advertising and publicity.Voted one of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals seven years in a row, MWF has set new standards for excellence, earning accolades from industry peers, business partners, media and attendees. Known for presenting the best in Canadian and International talent, past concert performances include: Sam Roberts, Jann Arden, Tom Cochrane, Chantel Kreviazuk, Colin James, Kathleen Edwards, Suzie McNeill and Bruce Cockburn. The children's stage is home to popular TV stars like The

Backyardigans, Max & Ruby and Dora the Explorer while the Family Fun Village offers everything from stilt walkers and fire-eaters to exciting water shows, family carnival, interactive sports activities, delicious food and unique crafters and vendors. The variety of exciting events and attractions draw visitors to the Mississauga Waterfront Festival from near and far. Headlining this year's festival are Leela Gilday, Michael Rault and Bedouin Soundclash on Friday night with The Sadies and Jim Cuddy performing on Saturday night. A full day of entertainment is in store for Sunday starting with the Mississauga Future Star Finals. The Sounds of Summer (tribute to the Beach Boys and Jan & Dean) and Jersey Knights (the music of Frankie Vallie & The Four Seasons). Weekend Kids Events include Sciensational Sssssnakes, Max N' Ruby, Tim Hollad the puppet tamer, camp rock, Chris McKool, Dora The Explorer, Jungle Cat World and Bananas in Pyjamas. Other features include: Petting Zoo & Pony Rides, Tennis Smash Cage, Mini Tennis, Team K-9 Trick Dog Show, Rock Climbing Wall, Home Depot Kid's Workshop, Pizza Nova Pizza Making Workshop, St. Michaels Majors Skill Challenge, BMX Skateboard Demo's, VIA RAIL Mini Train, Scouts Skills Demonstrations, Oprah the Robot, Pitney Bowes Literacy Tent, Doodlebug & Roundabout Facepainters and Balloon Art. www.mississaugawaterfrontfestival.com

June 26 -27 MALTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL Wildwood Park

Highlights include entertainment, children's activities, BBQ, community displays, youth talent show and much more! Free admission. www.maltoncommunityfestival.com

July 4 at 2:00 pm LITHUANIAN SONG FESTIVAL: I AM THE SONG! Hershey Centre

In 2010, after an absence of over 32 years, the IX Lithuanian Song Festival returns to Toronto for a special weekend of song and celebration. Songs, brought from Lithuania as great treasures by forefathers and parents, preserved with undying love will again resound in 2010 in the IX Song Festival. Share in the great joy of one of Lithuania's cherished traditions. *www.lithuaniansongfest.org*

July 7 - 11 THE MISSISSAUGA INDIE FILM FESTIVAL Cine Starz Theattre

From the star-studed red-carpet Gala on Thursday night to the award presentation on Sunday, the festival itself will be packed with short films and features, drama, comedy and documentaries, and the nightly after-parties will be jammed with MIFF's Live Indie Music Series. *www.miff.ca*

July 8 - 11 MOSAIC SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Living Arts Centre

The shining stars to grace the main stage this year include JOSH, the Canadian Superstars who have South Asian crowds dancing to their most amazing music, Mekaal Hassan Band, from Pakistan performing for the first time in Canada with Sufi Fusion Music hits like Chal Bulliya and SWAMI from the UK. Gear up for another great event with the best in arts, music, dance, theatre and film. The finest programming, dedicated volunteers and lots of sheer hardwork brought to you some of the biggest names in South Asian and local entertainment. .Mosaic is a celebration of Canadians originating from south Asia. The festival provides a platform to established and emerging artists in traditional and contemporary fields of music, dance, film, theatre, literature, poetry, cuisine, arts & crafts to present their talent to the audience from all over GTA. www.mosaicfest.com

July 16 - 18 AMACON MISSISSAUGA ROTARY RIBFEST

Civic Centre Square

Get ready for some finger licking fun. The Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest is known for its famous BBQ ribs, cold beer, live music, and children's rides, spectacular performances and fun the whole family can enjoy! Entertainment by The Travelling Bellies, Debi Sander Walker, Frank Cosentino Band, Joe Schepis Band and Chuck Jackson. Ribbers include:

Bad Wolf Barbeque/Toronto, Ontario Bibbs BBQ/Naples, Florida Billy Bones BBQ/Fort Erie, Ontario Blazin BBQ/Paincourt, Ontario Bone Daddy's/Fort Erie, Ontario Camp 31/Brewton, Alabama Crabby's BBQ/London, Ontario Gator BBQ/Flint, Michigan Hog's Gone Wild/Daytona, Florida Kentucky Smoke House/London, Ontario Silver Bullett/Fort Erie, Ontario Thirsty Cactus/Hamilton, Ontario Uncle Sam's/Albuquerque, New Mexico Wylde Fire Ribs/Mississauga, Ontario www.mississaugarotaryribfest.com

July 17 - 18

PEEL'S ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL Sunrise to Sunset J.C. Saddington Park (Lakeshore Rd. W. and Mississauga Rd. S.) This two day FREE family event includes sunrise ceremonies, heritage entertainers, demonstrations and exhibitors, a Native Powwow, Métis Fiddlers, and a vendor marketplace. Maanjidowin is organized by Heritage Mississauga, in conjunction with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, the Credit River Métis Council, the City of Mississauga, Region of Peel through the Peel Aboriginal Steering Committee (PASC) and other partners.

www.peelregion.ca/children/agathering

July 24 - 25 MISSISSAUGA CHINESE ARTS FESTIVAL

Living Arts Centre/Living Arts Centre Park Showcasing the very best in Chinese culture, featuring music, dance, martial arts, lion and dragon dance, feng shui, fashion show, games for all ages and delicious Chinese cuisine! www.chineseartsfestival.com

July 31 - August 1 MUSLIMFEST Living Arts Centre

Don't miss the fifth annual MuslimFest, a celebration of the best in Muslim arts, entertainment, cuisine and it is the largest event of its kind in North America. The two-day festival includes a Film and Food Festival, an International Art Exhibit, Multicultural Bazaar, talent show, puppet show, comedy acts and Kids Carnival with pony rides and carnival games. Through art and laughter MuslimFest builds bridges with all Canadians. *www.muslimfest.com*

September 10 - 12 SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE 12TH ANNUAL PORT CREDIT'S BLUES + JAZZ FESTIVAL Memorial Park, Lakeshore Road, along the Credit River, Mississauga

This festival features an abundance of events in the newly re-developed Memorial Park including our MainStage, Southstage, de Eyre Square, Vendor Village, Food Court and Beer Gardens and even more Live Entertainment in the restaurants, pubs, coffee houses, clubs and outdoor cafes of Port Credit.

Throughout the weekend and the village of Port Credit, over 120 Canadian and International acts will perform on a variety of stages and venues. Offering fans that little something for everyone.

Let's not forget the Shuffle's community spirit with the more than \$100,000 generated for Sick Kids Hospital at the Sick Kids Jam Stage. Held annually at the Port Credit Royal Canadian Legion and hosted by Juno nominee, The Johnny Max Band, this Friday and Saturday night venue features a variety of special guest appearances from the over 120 performing weekend acts. Boasting yet another festival highlight, The Southside Shuffle is proud to once again present the Sick Kids Southstage. Free to the public, the Southside ShuffleÆs Sick Kids Southstage showcases numerous Rhythm and Blues acts as well as Blues and Jazz musicians of the future. The Junior Jam provides aspiring musicians under 18 with an opportunity to play with professionals. LaVilla Fine Foods Harmonica Workshop is a fun and interactive workshop offered to kids between 8 and 12 years of age.

Headlining this year at the Memorial Park Mainstage are: Ronnie Hawkins, Downchild, Raoul and The Big Time, Dr. Hook, Elvin Bishop, Watermelon Slim, Johnny Winter, Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout, Monkeyjunk and Mark Stafford's Junior Jam.

www.southsideshuffle.com

September 19 - 20 BRADLEY MUSEUM FALL FESTIVAL Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Rd.

Saturday's line-up features country swing group My Sweet Patootie, Scottish singer Donald McGeoch, and singer/songwriter Kirsten Jones, along with BFC members Neil Sharp, Chris Dube, Sally Campbell, and John Stroud. Sunday's line-up includes bluegrass band General Store, humourist/guitarist Wendell Ferguson, guitarist Jason Fowler, plus BFC members Moira and Elena, Gayle Ackroyd, Laura Thomas, and Dave MacLachlan. Both days will include 3 stages - a main stage and 2 workshop stages, plus an additional stage for performances by the Paddling Puppeteers. *www.bramptonfolk.ca*

September 14 - October 8 TASTE OF STREETSVILLE Queen Street and surrounding areas www.villageofstreetsville.com

September 18 DOORS OPEN MISSISSAUGA Various Locations

This year's Doors Open event focuses on the city's west end. Participating sites are located in (west) Port Credit, Clarkson, Erindale, Streetsville, Meadowvale and even newly annexed land from Milton. Don't miss your chance to see inside the hidden gems from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *www.mississauga.ca*

BRAMPTON

July 9 - 11 CARABRAM Various Locations

Carabram is Brampton's annual multicultural festival. It was first conceived in 1982 and still continues to promote Ontario's multiculturalism. Carabram provides an opportunity for families to "Tour the World" and experience the rich culture, food, crafts, drink and entertainment of different ethnic groups in Brampton and the surrounding community attracting thousands to this event. Drive to the pavilions located in cultural centres, schools and rec centres around Brampton or you can hop on a Brampton Transit shuttle bus, for free, and travel to Canada, Caribbean, Croatia, Germany, Hawaii, India, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland and Ukraine. *www.carabram.org*

July 17 (and November 27) BRAMPTON ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL The Rose Theatre

Showcasing talented local artists, artisans, creative crafters, musicians, performers and those that think outside the box. This is a unique opportunity to have this many creative outlets in one place. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet and greet local artists and to support the arts in Brampton. *www.bramptonartfair.com*

VAUGHAN

June 6 -13 YORK PRIDE FEST 2010: PRIDE PICNIC + BBQ Community Safety Village, Bruce's Mill Conservation Area

York Pride Fest is a non-profit community initiative hosting social events in York Region, which include Canada's largest regional Pride Week Festival, staged each June to celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) residents throughout our community. *yorkpridefest.com*

June 48

ILAN RAMON STREET FESTIVAL Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus, Ilan Ramon Blvd

The second annual Ilan Ramon Street Festival, which will bring together over 4,000 people from one of Canada's fastest growing neighborhoods, will take place at the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus on Ilan Ramon Blvd (corner of Bathurst and Lebovic Campus Drive, north of Rutherford) in Vaughan on Sunday June 8, noon -4 pm. The theme of this year's Ilan Ramon Street Festival is "Celebrate Shavout, Israeli Style". Organized by UJA Federation's Schwartz/ Reisman Centre, the family festival will feature inflatable rides, children's entertainment, cultural performances, folk dancing, tractor and wagon rides in addition to a barbeque with Israeli food. www.jewishtoronto.com

July 31 - August 1 WOODBRIDGE ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Ontario Soccer Centre, Martin Grove Rd. The Woodbridge Italian Festival is a celebration of community and culture, and is made possible through the generosity and dedication of various organizations throughout the community. The Festival is a two-day spectacular filled with entertainment, sports, fashion, music, carnival rides and games, an indoor exhibition and the participation of thousands of spectators of all ages. Each year, the Woodbridge Italian Festival looks to promote new artists within the community and bring the best in entertainment to the stage.

www.lospecchio.com/woodbridgeitalianfestival/

September 11 BINDER TWINE FESTIVAL Kleinburg

www.bindertwine.ca



August 6 - 8 DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Experience a Taste of Bourbon Street...in Downtown Oakville! Celebrating 18 years of great Jazz, incredible shopping and fantastic summer dining, be sure to make a visit to Downtown Oakville on this epic weekend. From grassroots beginnings, thousands of people now flock to Oakville to enjoy live outdoor jazz performances from the finest North American talent. Enjoy cool jazz in the hot sun at the Downtown Oakville Jazz Festival.

BURLINGTON

June 17 - 20 BURLINGTON SOUND OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

Downtown Burlington + Waterfront 30 years of Burlington's Sound of Music

Festival! Be a part of this momentous occasion for one of Canada's largest free outdoor music festivals and "Burlington's premier summer event". The festival includes a Downtown Street Fest and Parade www.soundofmusic.on.ca

July 23 - 25 BURLINGTON JAZZ n' BLUES FESTIVAL Waterfront www.burlingtonjazzbluesfestival.ca

HAMILTON

June 6 OPEN STREETS HAMILTON

From 10 am to 3 pm, James Street North, from Cannon to Burlington, will be closed to automobiles, and open to a festival of people walking, cycling, rollerblading, watching demonstrations, trying a new activity, listening to music and bands, or shopping in the various shops and restaurants along the street.

At various locations along the route, visitors can join in free events such as:

- * Yoga Yoga with Ona
- * Zumba & Boot Camp YWCA

- * Giant Puppet making Many Hands Art
- * Chalk Drawing Bryce Kambara with You Me Gallery
- * Yellow Fish Road BARC
- There are even things for your bike to do: * Bicycle repairs and maintenance – Down-
- town Bike Hounds
- * Helmet Fitting Bikes, Blades & Boards with Public Health

Information stations will be set up along the route and visitors will receive an Open Streets Passport to fill out throughout the day to guide you to all the events and for a chance to win some great prizes!

www.openstreetshamilton.ca

June 8 - 12 ANCASTER HERITAGE DAYS Ancaster

Enjoy the 32nd anniversary of Ancaster Heritage Days with all week celebrations! Events include a Parade, Soap Box Derby, Craft Mart, Kids World, Teen World, Strawberry Social and and evening of Fireworks.

www.ancasterheritagedays.com

June 11 - 13 HAMILTON WATERFRONT WINGFEST 2010 Hamilton Waterfront

Hamilton Waterfront Wingfest will include the sale of chicken wings from a variety of local restaurants, a carnival for children with a variety of rides, an original art show where citizens can view and purchase art, inexpensive boat tours aboard the Hamilton Harbour Queen, live entertainment all weekend, and a beverage gardens that will offer beer and wine. *www.hamiltonwaterfrontwingfest.com*

June 12 - 13 HAMILTON TURKISH FESTIVAL Gage Park

Free live performances will take place. The Festival will display Turkish art, folk dance, music and gourmet food, where visitors will get an opportunity to celebrate, learn, and savour Turkish hospitality, culture, heritage and cuisine. Visitors will be able to browse and buy Turkish products, souvenirs and handicrafts, participate in activities for children, view many authentic demonstrations and performances, sample Turkish cuisine, and do much, much more at the Festival. *www.hamiltonturkishfestival.com*

June 18 - 20 HAMILTON PRIDE 2010 Various Locations

The Hamilton Pride Festival in the City of Hamilton celebrating the diversity, history, and achievements of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities during the month of June of each year.

For one week every June, the Hamilton Pride Festival showcases and celebrates the wonderful diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities through cultural activities, fundraising events, social occassions, a rally in the city core, and a parade. The festival includes outstanding entertainment, a buzzing vendors' market, food and beverages, and so much more! Many of the events during Pride Week, including the festival event, are accessible to youth.

Festivities include the kick-off Party and Gala Awards Night on June 11 at the Embassy. www.hamiltonpride.com

July 1 - 4 IT'S YOUR FESTIVAL Gage Park

Come down to Gage Park and join the oldest and biggest Canada Day Festival in Canada and one of the Top 50 Festivals in Ontario. Music, family entertainment, food, vendors and more! *www.hamiltonfolkarts.org*

July 15 - 25

HAMILTON'S FRINGE FESTIVAL Pepper Jack's Cafe, Hamilton Theatre, B.O.M. and Theatre Aquarius

The Festival combines the talents and resources of companies and volunteers allowing new and emerging artists from around the world to present inNovemberative theatre to thousands of people.

www.hamiltonfringe.ca

August 1 - 2

4TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM FESTIVAL At Westfield Village

Experience the fun and nostalgia of ice cream from Pioneer to Victorian times. Live music, horse and wagon rides, face painting, magic shows, cotton candy, period crafts, games and much more combined with living history make for the perfect topping for a perfect family outing. The Breyers Ice Cream Parlour features cones and sundaes. Sample hand made historical ice creams and related treats. *www.myhamilton.ca*

August 6 - 8 FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS Gage Park

Enjoy the foods of the world, live music, arts & crafts. Major classic acts performing during the festival include Richie Havens, Buckwheat Zydeco, Dr. John, Coney Hatch, Gord Downie & The Country of Miracles, Flock of Seagulls and Squeeze. Free Admission! www.creativearts.on.ca

August 13 - 15 BEACH FESTIVAL Wild Waterworks 585 Van Wagner's Beach Blvd.

Fun-filled activities include live music, Caribbean-themed food, limbo & hula contests and volleyball tournaments. Runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Regular park admission applies. *www.conservationhamilton.ca*

August 13 - 15 STEWART MEMORIAL CHURCH 175TH CELEBRATION STREET FESTIVAL 114 John Street, North Hamilton

In 2010 Stewart Memorial Church is celebrating its 175th anniversary with a series of special events. Stewart Memorial Church was born out of the bravery of the men and women who escaped slavery in the U.S. and came to a life of freedom in Hamilton on the Underground Railroad. It is a nondenominational body that has been a place of solace and spirituality, comfort and caring, for generations of people who have come through its doors. *www.stewartmemorialchurch.com*.

August 20 - 22 DUNDAS CACTUS FESTIVAL Dundas

Since 1979, the festival has been tirelessly organized by a group of local volunteers; The Cactus Festival Committee. It is held annually on the third weekend in August, and has continued to evolve and expand year after year. *www.dundascactusfest.ca*

August 27 - 29 WINONA PEACH FESTIVAL Winona Park, Barton

The Festival provides something for all ages. including a children's stage and The ED Smith Fun Factory, which provides family entertainment daily. Arts & Craft section caters to young and old who take the time to stroll through looking and buying the crafts. The Main Stage provides different types of entertainment all weekend long. Free Admission. *www.winonapeach.com*

September 3 - 5 ANNUAL MUSTARD FESTIVAL International Village on Ferguson North

Downtown Hamilton, where the Mustard Festival is held, is also home to some of the best restaurants in the region, small and large, and many of them participate in the Mustard Festival, serving up great food, all with a 'zip' of mustard. Included are 3 days of live entertainment, quality Artisans and Crafters, "Free" MusTOTS Village - Ferguson Pavillion Kids Carnival, horse & wagon rides, games, prizes, Friends of the Aviary, Reptiles and other Exotics, balloons, clowns, face painting, candy floss, cold apple cider and popcorn. Enjoy the FREE family fun. *www.mustardfestival.ca*

September 11 HAMILTON PAGAN HARVEST FESTIVAL Gage Park

Celebrate the harvest! Pagan Harvest Festival and Hamilton's 8th Annual Pagan Pride Day at Gage Park! www.ppdhamilton.org

September 11 LOCKE STREET FESTIVAL Locke Street South (between Queen & Dundurn)

Locke Street Festival is an annual event with stalls, live entertainment, food and everything you need for a fun-filled family day out. *www.lockestreetfestival.com*

September 12 - 20 APPLE FESTIVAL Puddicombe Estate Farms and Winery

Come on down for Apple Festival! Apple Festival will be held on September 12, 13, 19, and 20. Pick your own MacIntosh and Empire apples, apple pies, desserts, fudge and train rides, wagon rides, children's fun tent and more!

www.puddicombefarms.com

September 17 - 19 156TH BINBROOK FALL FAIR

Many things to do and see for the whole family including Canada's #1 Demolition Derby. Farm animals, birds of prey, commercial exhibits, midway rides, live entertainment for all ages and more. Plus Sunday is family day! www.binbrookagriculturalsociety.org

September 19 Telling Tales A Family Festival of Stories Westfield Heritage Village

Step through Westfield's Gates of Time into a storybook village where historical figures mingle with contemporary children's literary stars on this magical day. Plan to attend the 2nd Annual Telling Tales Festival. All ages will find it entertaining and unforgettable. Sunday September 19, 2010 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is free.

www.tellingtales.org

September 24 - October 3 AGH WORLD FILM FESTIVAL Various Hamilton-area theatres

International Films for an International Audience! The AGH World Film Festival showcases the best in innovative international and Canadian cinema. The Festival provides the movie-loving public in Hamilton (and beyond) access to some of the most critically acclaimed films, filmmakers and emerging talent! This year, the 2010 Festival is growing to ten days with 30-plus feature films, including two gala screenings.

www.artgalleryofhamiltong.com

September 23 - 26 ANCASTER FAIR 630 Trinity Rd. RR #1 Jerseyville

Celebrating the 160th Anniversary of the Fair! www.ancasterfair.ca

September 25 APPLE FESTIVAL Battlefield House Museum & Park

Fall-time harvest fun in Battlefield Park. Pancake breakfast, games, wagon rides, pumpkin decorating, demonstrations, entertainment, tours of the Museum and Monument, apple goodies and enter the 'Battlefield Bake-Off'. This is a FREE outdoor event. Regular admission rates apply to the museum. *www.hamilton.ca*

NIAGARA REGION

June 6

ANNUAL WILLOWBANK JAZZ FESTIVAL

14487 Niagara Parkway, Queenston

The annual Jazz Festival has been a fixture at Willowbank since 2003, and attracts a broad audience from the Niagara region and beyond. It takes place on the broad lawns created by the Brights in the 1930s, during the heyday of jazz as an emerging art form. The festival features both established artists and one or two up-andcoming newcomers each year.

Tickets: \$40 general public, \$30 Willowbank members. Please no coolers or carry-ins. Enjoy great jazz music, BBQ by Mark Hand of hospitality-on-hand, Reif Estate wines and silent auction.

www.willowbank.ca

June 9 -15 WELLAND ROSE FESTIVAL Welland

The Rose Festival is the city's longest-running festival, commemorating Welland's proud heritage as "The Rose City". This year marks its 49th anniversary and features a range of community activities and the Grand Parade. The theme of this year's parade is the 150th Anniversary of the City of Welland. www.wellandrosefestival.on.ca

June 9 - 12

CHIPPAWA LIONS CLUB CARNIVAL Chippawa Lions Park, Welland Ave

Along with the midway and games will be a Fish Fry, Friday only of course, Bingo, and the atmosphere only a Lions Club Carnival can bring.

www.chippawalionsclub.com

June 11 - 12 WELLAND'S DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL International Flatwater Centre, North Course, Welland

The Dragon Boat Festival has become one of Welland's most exciting city-wide events, drawing thousands of competitors and spectators from around the area. www.wellanddragonboatfestival.com

June 12 - 27 NIAGARA NEW VINTAGE FESTIVAL Niagara Region

Wine and food fanatics will be visiting Niagara to experience the Niagara New Vintage Festival. Internationally acclaimed wines, fresh produce, and a culinary experience unique to Ontario are at the centre of this two weekend gastronomic extravaganza. Embrace a demonstration of what it means to buy local and realize all that Niagara has to offer. From quaint cottage wineries among the vines to glittering state-of-the-art facilities, Niagara's wineries offer you an exclusive preview of the 2008 vintage. Before you leave, visit the winery boutique to pick up a bottle of Ontario VQA wine to enjoy when you return home. Stay awhile and explore Ontario's wine country. When sampling the new wines of Ontario, bring your enthusiasm and a taste for adventure as this special vintage promises not to disappoint.

www.niagarawinefestival.com

June 17 - 19 NIAGARA ITALIAN FESTIVAL Battle of Beaverdams Park, Clairmont Street, Thorold

Mangia! Mangia! Mangia! Immerse yourself in the Italian culture! Join us downtown Thorold to indulge in homemade Italian cuisine and enjoy live entertainment by the Coro Folkloristico Italiano, RSM and the Little Miss and Little Mr. Niagara Italian Festa pageant. Great musical line-up scheduled for all tastes, carnival rides for the kids and more. *www.niagaraitalianfestival.com*

June 18 - 20 NIAGARA FALLS ROTARY RIBFEST Optimist Park, 4751 Dorchester Rd, Niagara

Teams of "Ribbers" from the United States and Canada will set up their booths, BBQ and serve up a load of some of the best award winning ribs found on either side of the border. The competition is fierce, these great tasting BBQ Ribs are competing to win trophies and top honours. Truly a family event, there is something for everyone - Great barbequed ribs with all the fixings, with some Ribbers cooking up succulent chicken. Music, fun and entertainment and for the kids - a playground with inflated bouncers, Jurassic Adventure playground and giant 24 foot slide. What goes better with ribs than beer? The large beer tent will be open Friday, from noon to 11:00 pm Saturday from Noon to 11:00 pm, and Sunday from noon to 7:00 pm. You can sit inside or out, relax and enjoy the entertainment on the nearby stage. Award winning RIBS RIBS **RIBS** Father's Day Weekend! www.niagarafallsribfest.com

June 19 BEAMSVILLE'S ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Beamsville Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Rd. & Ontario St.

Big, Red, Ripe, Juicy Strawberries, a sunny day in June, hundreds of families enjoying the great outdoors with terrific entertainment, arts and crafts, and delicious food! Where can you experience this wonderful annual family event? At the Beamsville Fairgrounds for the 33rd edition of the Beamsville Strawberry Festival of course! And, as always, there is free admission, free parking and free entertainment. The Annual Charity Bed Race takes place in front of the Grandstand at the Fairgrounds. The runners are cheered on as their teams dash to the finish line pushing decorated beds on wheels. Between heats we run the La-Z-Boy Grand Nationals Recliner Race. Two runners are pushing a rider, strapped into a La-Z-Boy, towards the finish line. A sight to be seen as some of the teams dress up in costumes to add to the fun! Food will be available so come early, grab some dinner, and pick the best seat in the house for the evening. The Fairground is bustling all day long with the arrival of approximately 100 vendors including crafters, peddlers, business and community displays along with a myriad of activities for the entire family. The Strawberry Idol Contest will return while other attractions are still being organized.

www.strawberryfest.ca

June 26 POULTRYFEST NIAGARA Smithville, Ontario

Admission is free tor this jam packed day of food and frolic in Smithville, Ontario -Canada's Poultry Capital!

Help recognize Niagara's 100 million-dollara-year poultry industry and the spirit of the community volunteers. You'll be entertained all day with shows, competitions, historical and educational displays, kid's activities and lots to eat!!

www.poultryfest.ca

June 27 CRYSTAL BEACH ARTS AND FOLK FESTIVAL

Waterfront Park, Crystal Beach, Ontario Artists from all over Southern Ontario and Western New York converge on Waterfront Park to show and sell their work. This juried show has grown each year and now it is one that over 50 artists mark on their calendars each June. Waterfront Park is a beautiful landscaped park on the shore of Lake Erie which provides a magnificient backdrop for this show. Make a day of it in Crystal Beach. Stroll through the Art Festival, listen to great music by local musicians, find just the right piece for your home or as a gift for someone else, enjoy lunch or dinner at one of the fine restaurants in the area, and return home with a smile on your face for a day well spent. www.fortieriecouncil.com

July 1 - 5 ANNUAL BINATIONAL "FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL"

An international celebration of the culture and heritage shared by Canada and the USA. Events held in Fort Erie and Buffalo include free concerts and a spectacular fireworks display on July 1, highlighting the two national holidays. Crafts, children's entertainment, heritage and cultural displays and an excellent midway.

www.friendshipfestival.com

July 3

ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL St Mark's Church, Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Events include cherry pies, jams, jewelery, baking, childrens fun & games, bbq & refreshments, grab bag table, church tours, all day entertainment, silent auction, treasures, yard sale, raffle and much more. The highlight of your day in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Free admission. www.stmarks1792.com

July 14 - 18 SUMMERFEST previously Niagara Equestrian Festival Fort George Commons, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Niagara Equestrian Festival, a hunter/jumper show, is held on approximately 35 acres within the even more expansive Commons area of Historical Fort George, located in the very beautiful and charming historic Niagara-onthe-Lake (NOTL), Ontario. The specific site is known as the Polo Grounds. Spectators are welcome and there is no admission fee. *www.niagaraequestrianfestival.com*

July 17 - August 14 NIAGARA INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL Various location

This summer's season is among the most diverse ever presented. It commemorates three important musical anniversaries: Franz Joseph Haydn who died in 1809, Felix Mendelssohn who was born that same year and Benny Goodman who was born in 1909. There will be opera and Nova Scotia Celtic music, opera and cabaret, along with our more traditional classical repertoire. Favourite series such as Shaw and Music, Great Pianists, Showcase of Young Virtuosos and Music and Wine will continue, and there will lots more jazz. This is to celebrate Niagara-on-the-Lake's recent designation as the home of the Canadian Jazz Hall of Fame. Great jazz pianists and composers, legendary Dick Hyman, performs for the first time with the festival.

July 31 - August 3 CANAL DAYS MARINE HERITAGE FESTIVAL Port Colborne

Enjoy the excitement at Canal Days, the City of Port Colborne's signature event, a unique waterfront festival celebrating the community's marine heritage! Spend the Civic Long Weekend in August among the thousands of people who will fill the streets to listen to live music, shop on Historic West Street along the beautiful Welland Canal and visit the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, home of the first Canal Days. Explore Port Colborne's Hidden Treasures at Lock 8 Park, enjoy the Children's Area at Seaway Park, indulge yourself along Historic West Street, ooh and aah at the Boat Parade of Lights and the Spectacular Fireworks Display over the Welland Canal, cruise Lake Erie on a majestic tall ship, spend time at the Kite Festival and Car Show at HH Knoll-Lakeview Park, wander through the Arts and Craft Show and Marine Displays on the Museum Grounds, dance to the music in the Market Square - everything you've come to expect from Canal Days and more! www.canaldays.ca

September 4 - 6 MARSHVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL Heritage Village Park, Wainfleet

The Marshville Heritage Festival will celebrate it's 22th anniversary with opening ceremonies at 10 am Saturday at the Log Cabin. During the festival come and experience: everyone in period dress; tempting and delicious food; over 100 juried artisans & crafters; on-going demonstrations; horse & wagon rides; entertainment for all ages; concert in the park on Sunday evening; Saturday 9:30 am-5:30 pm; Sunday 11am-5:30 pm; and Monday 9:30 am-5 pm.

www.marshvilleher itage.tripod.com

September 11 THE GRIMSBY FESTIVAL OF ART Nelles Blvd., Grimsby

The Grimsby Festival of Art is a one day celebration of over 200 fine artists and artisans from the Niagara Region and beyond who exhibit and sell original, handmade creations. It is one of Niagara's premier juried art events that takes place on the gracious Nelles Blvd and surrounding grounds. Funds raised by the Festival are used to support the work of Community Living-Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln and The Rotary Club of Grimsby. *www.grimsby-festival-arts.com*

Sepember 17 - 26 Niagara Wine Festival Montebello Park + Various Wineries

There truly is no better time to explore the Niagara region than during the 56th Niagara Wine Festival, celebrating the internationally acclaimed grape and wine industry each September. More than 30 participating wineries open their doors to the world along Niagara's famous wine route. Or, have the best of Niagara gather for you at the Wine, Cheese & Food Experience in Montebello Park, with dozens of Ontario's top restaurants, wineries and world class entertainment. Tours and tastings, concerts, Niagara cuisine, artisan shows, wine seminars, family entertainment and one of Canada's largest street parades, the Niagara Wine Festival offers something for every taste. Selected as Ontario's Cultural Event of the Year for three years in a row and as one of North America's Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association for the second year in a row in 2005.

www.niagarawinefestival.com

October 1 - 3 NIAGARA FOOD FESTIVAL Downtown Welland -East Main and King Streets

"The Region's Tastiest Party!" The Annual Niagara Food Festival invites you to sample local cuisine complimented by world-class Niagara wines. A family event hosted in historic Downtown Welland, complete with cooking demonstrations, contests, evening music concerts and fireworks. Free admission.

www.niagarafoodfestival.com

October 8 - 11 BALLS FALLS THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL CRAFT SHOW & SALE Balls Falls Conservation Area, Jordan

Celebrating it's 36th anniversary this unsurpassed fall craft show is held every year on the Canadian Thanksgiving Weekend at Ball's Falls Conservation Area in Jordan, Ontario. More than 140 artisans and crafters will be featured, as well as daily live entertainment, children's attractions and entertainers, heritage activities and tours and of course Ball's Falls itself. Enjoy woodworking demonstrations using the tools and craftpersonship of a by gone era, Niagara Antique Power Association displays and items of interest, Birds of Prey exhibit, pony rides and more. When you want to take a break from festival shopping, tour the quaint and historic grounds of Ball's Falls and enjoy the fabulous scenery awash with fall colour. www.conservation-niagara.on.ca/

October 9 - 11 VINELAND THANKSGIVING ARTFEST Vineland Public School 4057 Victoria Avenue, Vineland

The Vineland Thanksgiving Artfest was started in 1992 as a Fundraiser for Vineland Public School. This is a juried show with no more than 130 exhibitors. One third of the show consists of Fine Art, and the balance quality crafts. The Vineland Thanksgiving Artfest has been very successful due to our high standards of quality. Vineland Thanksgiving Artfest does NOT charge admission and exhibitors display and exhibit on the perimeter of the property only. The grounds are an open and beautifully treed park-like setting. Outdoors "Rain or Shine".

www.insideniagara.com

October 16 - 17 DOORS OPEN

Participating sites include elegant residences and inns, churches containing magnificent stained glass windows, Industrial Age factories, municipal buildings, museums, schoolhouses, and sites that played a role in the Underground Railroad. A wide variety of architectural styles are represented including 18th and early 19th century stone and log structures, homes and buildings crafted in the Victorian, Neo-Classical, Art Deco, Italianate and Greek Revival styles, and churches of Romanesque and Gothic Revival design. Many of the sites in both the U.S. and Canada are registered as National Historic landmarks and others played important roles in the history of both countries. Free admission to participating sites.

www.doorsopenniagara.ca

November 6, 2010 - January 3, 2011 WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Niagara Parks Winter Wonderland Route

Enjoy spectacular illuminations and countless festive events at the Niagara Falls Winter Festival of Lights, Canada's foremost illumination festival. Ready to shine with over 3 million sparkling lights and more than 120 animated displays, including the famous Enchantment of Disney® displays. From the world's largest illuminated Canadian-American Flag display and spectacular LED tree lighting to Canada's largest, illuminated Menorah display and an angelic Nativity Scene, visitors will enjoy many wondrous displays along the 5 km Niagara Parks' Winter Wonderland lighting route and throughout the City. The illuminations are illuminated from 5:00 pm to midnight. There is no admission fee to enjoy them but donations are gratefully accepted with all proceeds used to enhance the lights and displays (a \$10 per vehicle donation is suggested). Enjoy brilliant fireworks and a calendar full of festive events as the festival captures the magic of the holiday season. www.wfol.com

November 19 - 23 FABULICIOUS!

Niagara-On-The-Lake

A renowned and envied collection of Niagaraon-the-Lake's finest dining establishments will be serving spectacular lunch and dinner fare at reined-in, mouth-watering, pre-set pricing unique to wine country. Lunch: \$20-\$25! Dinner: \$30-\$35! Fabulicious! It's all here. And it will be absolutely unforgettable. As of Monday, November 2, reservations can be made directly with each restaurant of your choice: Bistro Six-One, Charles Inn, deLuca's Wine Country Restaurant, Ginger's Restaurant, Grill at the Epicurean, Grill on King, Hillebrand Winery Restaurant, Old Winery Restaurant, Peller Estates Winery Restaurant, LIV at White Oaks, Restaurant Oban Inn, Pillar & Post. Prince of Wales, Queen's Landing, Riverbend Inn, Stone Road Grille, Terroir la Cachette and Zee's. www.niagaraonthelake.com

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December 4 - 5 ART BY THE FALLS 13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Optimist Hall, Dorchester Rd. at Morrison, Niagara Falls

Enjoy over 50 juried designers and craftspeople from across Ontario in this two day event - last minute Christmas shopping at its best! Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Sunrise, a non-profit organization. www.insideniagara.com

MARKHAM / UNIONVILLE

July 18

MAIN STREET MARKHAM CARnival!

A Great Place to shop, dine and stroll through the original historic downtown Markham! Free Pottery Demonstrations and a free pottery lesson from Village Pottery Studio. Markham Teen Arts Council Music & Lyrics Contest Winners on the Main Stage at 12 noon Visit Busker's Alley at the Church Street Parkette and support the local upcoming talent! Face painting by TwinBytes. Free live entertainment on Main Street! Located at Mains Mansion and Carlaw Music and The Artisan Pub and The Duchess of Markham. Enjoy DeeJay Al Fisher with hits from the 50's, 60's,70s' - whatever decade you want! *www.markham.ca*

August 2

UNIONVILLE SIMCOE DAY FESTIVAL

Festive Music all weekend long. Enjoy the holiday with entertainment and a sidewalk sale. Unionville's quaint and charming Main Street will be closed to traffic this Civic Holiday Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be open to pedestrians only. Shop at the charming boutiques for sidewalk sale specials and relax at outdoor patios. The nearby Bandstand offers free performances beginning 11 a.m. and the music continues all afternoon on the Main Street Unionville. Double decker bus rides are offered from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. There's plenty of parking nearby.

www.seetorontonow.com

August 20 - 22 MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL Main Street

The Markham Jazz Festival brings Jazz to Main Street Markham. Jazz at the Farmers' Market on Saturday morning, and Jazz on Main Street Markham all day! Main Street will be closed and jazz will be heard at two stages presented by the Markham Jazz Festival and at the 6 jazz hot spots on Main Street. www.markhamjazzfestival.com

August 28 & 29 DOORS OPEN UNIONVILLE Unionville

www.doorsopenontario.com

September 6 UNIONVILLE HERITAGE & BIG BAND FESTIVAL

Celebrate the fall season and enjoy a day filled with the sounds of Big Bands. Entertainment and historical displays fill the street. www.unionvilleinfo.com

September 10 11TH ANNUAL AUTO CLASSIC Main Street

The Main Street Markham Auto Classic features classic cars, street machines, muscle cars, trucks, race cars and exhibits. Over 300 classic and custom automobiles are descending upon Markham Main Street! Trophies will be awarded for the best vehicles in various categories. Live entertainment, great food and fun for the entire family. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun!

www.mainstreetmarkham.com

September 11 MILLIKEN MILLS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL Markham Civic Centre

Markham's largest children event - featuring entertainment, crafts and activities. *www.markham.ca*

September 18

THORNHILL VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Every year, Thornhill comes together to celebrate all this community has to offer! Come cheer on the parade, hear the music, savour the foods, and shop the more than 200 arts and crafts vendors on historic streets. www.thornhillhistoric.org

September 25 - 26 ANNUAL APPLEFEST Markham Museum

Join in Markham Museum's salute to the wonderful apple! The Museum operates its own apple cider mill and offers samples to visitors. The orchard is open for picking! Visitors can participate in a variety of hands-on activities for children of all ages as well as showcase a wonderful array of pioneer handicrafts and skills. Witness the operation of the on-premises sawmill and visit our historic buildings. Steam tractors will be fired up and the antique thresher will show participants a glimpse of farm life from the turn of the last century. Live entertainment, carousel, boat, train and wagon rides too.

www.markham.ca

September 30 - October 3 MARKHAM FAIR

Markham Fair is Canada's largest 4-day fall fair with many entertaining and educational events for all ages. www.markham.ca

October 8 - 11 UNIONVILLE OKTOBERFEST & THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Music and entertainment all weekend long. Enjoy the Holiday filled with great food, fun atmosphere and festivities with an old Bavarian flair. Catch a ride on the double decker and learn a bit about Unionville's first settlers -Germans!

www.unionvilleinfo.com

November 27 SANTA FEST - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Main Street Markham

Immediately after the Santa Claus Parade, join the First Santa Festival Day on Main Street, followed by the Festival of Lights! This 24th festival will be like no other! Main Street Markham will be the place to be right after the Santa Claus Parade! Even Santa, as busy as he is at this time of year, will be making a special effort and has promised to be there! After the Santa Claus Parade, Santa will be in his castle built by the Centre for DREAMS, where you can visit him and get your picture taken! Main Street will be closed to traffic so that everybody can safely enjoy the street party. There will be lots of food, entertainers wandering the street, carollers, fiddlers, strolling musicians, concert bands, magicians, a street BBQ, a petting zoo and all kinds of treats. All of the businesses on Main street will be open late to celebrate the beginning of the Holiday Season, and they have specials for the season. Main Street Markham's magical geese are all over the street and they have delayed going south for the winter just to be at the party, and they will be out in their party outfits! www.mainstreetmarkham.com

December 3 UNIONVILLE OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT PARADE

Unionville's Annual Old Tyme Christmas and Candlelight Parade is an unforgettable event that will leave you infused with the spirit of Christmas.

www.unionvilleinfo.com

December 3 - 5 UNIONVILLE OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS

Join the merchants for an old fashioned Christmas experience, including Friday evening's candlelight parade & late night shopping, carriage rides, Santa Train & more! *www.unionvilleinfo.com*

RICHMOND HILL / NEWMARKET

June 12 - 13 WINDFALL ECOLOGY FESTIVAL Fairy Lake Park, Water St.

A celebration of sustainability in the Region. The festival will be an information destination for green ideas, home energy conservation, local and organic food demonstrations and sampling, health and wellness presentations, cycling workshops and more. A must attend for the whole family, this annual production appeals to the whole family. Beginning at 10:00 am each morning... Bring the family and wend your way through the natural setting of Fairy Lake Park. Enjoy fun activities for the kids, live entertainment, prominent speakers, great food and much more! Free admission – free parking. *www.windfallcentre.ca*

June 12 HERITAGE VILLAGE FESTIVAL Richmond Hill

The annual Heritage Village Festival will be held again this year on Yonge Street between Major Mackenzie Drive and Crosby Avenue. The heart of old Richmond Hill will be transformed into a festive pedestrian mall where artisans and community groups will tempt you, inform you and transform you as you enjoy arts, crafts, children's activities, horse wagon rides and delectable tasty treats. Free admission to all! Heritage Village Day is organized by Arts Richmond Hill. *www.richmondhill.ca*

June 12

DOORS OPEN RICHMOND HILL

2nd annual Doors Open Richmond Hill event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many intriguing cultural, historic and religious sites within Richmond Hill will open their doors to the public. Even long-time Richmond Hill residents will likely learn something new about their hometown after visiting Doors Open sites.

www.doorsopenontario.on.ca.

June 19 - 20 13TH ANNUAL FAIRY LAKE ARTISANS FESTIVAL Fairy Lake Park (Water St.) Newmarket

Juried festival featuring artisans displaying their original works for sale, fun for the whole family along the banks of the Holland River. Voluntary donations accepted at entrance to assist Lions Foundation Projects. Proceeds from this event will benefit the various Lions special charities including Lions Camp Kirk Foundation for children with learning disabilities and Lions Quest, a drug awareness program brought to children within our schools all over Canada.

www.e-clubhouse.org

July 1

KANATA SUMMER FESTIVAL CANADA DAY

Fairy Lake Park, Water Street and Richardson Park, Newmarket

All day event includes 15TH Annual Canada Day Pancake Breakfast Kanata Celebrations, Big Air Competition (Extreme Bike Show), Ribfest, Canada Day Fireworks Extravaganza and Rookie Tournament. www.newmarket.ca

July 17 - 19 NEWMARKET FIDDLE & STEP DANCE FESTIVAL

Town of Newmarket and Vince's Market www.yorkregion.com

BBQ & Dance

Friday, July 17 Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place, 474 Davis Dr.

BBQ dinner, featuring fiddling and step dancing, live entertainment, DJ dancing and cash bar available. All ages are welcome.

Fiddle & Step Dance Competition Sat. July 18, Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Dr.

Begins at 9 a.m. Competition is open to all fiddlers and step dancers. Public is welcome to attend and watch all day. Awards and finale at end of competition. \$7 per person, children under 10 free.

Fiddle & Step Dance Outdoor Concert

Sun. July 19, Market Square, Botsford St. at 2 p.m. Inclement weather, Newmarket Community Centre 200 Doug Duncan Dr. Come out and enjoy Irish Dancing, Square Dancing, featuring Anam Cara. Bring your own chair. Free admission!

July 30 AURORA JAZZ FESTIVAL Aurora Town Park

AFJ 2010 is a great weekend of music in the park. Enjoy live music: fusion, Latin, contemporary jazz; Big Band; Rock; Folk; Soul; Motown and pop.

Friday July 30 - 8 pm Band Shell presents The Sounds of Motown: Sounds of Motown featured at Casino Windsor, March 2010 thrilled audiences of over 4,000 – This is your chance to enjoy it live in Aurora! 2010 AJF offers a Beer/Wine Garden – 2 performance stages providing you nonstop entertainment. July 29th Pre-JazzFest Celebration at new Aurora Cultural Centre *www.aurorajazzfestival.com*

August 21

GARLIC IS GREAT FESTIVAL Farmer's Market, Doug Duncan Dr. (Between Water St. & Timothy St.) Newmarket

Cooking demonstrations, live entertainment, garlic vendors and much more. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Subject to change. www.newmarket.ca

August 26 - 29 NEWMARKET JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL Market Square, Newmarket www.newmarket.ca

September 18 DOORS OPEN NEWMARKET 2010

Enjoy free activities, tours and explore Newmarket's rich heritage during Doors Open Newmarket. Many of Newmarket's interesting architectural, cultural and historical sites will open their doors to residents and visitors during this fun and educational experience. Many of which will host special tours and other activities.

www.newmarket.ca

September 18 THE 6TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HEALTH FESTIVAL 6775 Yonge St. at Mulock Dr. Newmarket

Enjoy a fantastic and fun event for the children and their families. Visit the many booths to learn valuable health and wellness information and ways to keep your children safe as they play and grow. Meet your favourite life size cartoon character. Bounce in a bouncy castle, slide the giant slide or navigate the obstacle course. The event features a free BBQ lunch and samples of a variety of healthy snacks, drinks and organic foods donated from local companies! The first 750 children will receive a free quality cotton tote "loot bag" filled with information, valuable offers and coupons, snacks and fun kid items. There will be a huge prize draw of over 100 prizes for kids who complete an event passport. Enjoy the hunt and have a chance to WIN one of 5 new bicycles, many toys, games, books or other children's items. ChildFind will be offering their Kid-Check Safety Program. www.mychiro.org

September 25 - 26 ANNUAL NEWMARKET HERITAGE FESTIVAL Various Venues

The Newmarket Heritage Festival, now in its 12th year, is a celebration of the arts, culture, history, and community spirit-rooted in a small New England mill town. The event has grown from a one-tent festival to a weekend that includes multi-cultural music and dance, artisan demonstrations, historic walking tours, narrated boat tours, kayak excursions, a model railway, hands-on children's activities, fine arts and crafts, strolling performers, vendor booths, international foods and more. The festival is organized by a small group of dedicated volunteers, who spend all year planning for the weekend. Known as the Seacoast's favorite international block party, the festival has gained a reputation for its eclectic mix of entertainment and activities, as well as its friendly atmosphere.

The festival has three venues: Main Venue is located at the corner of Main Street (Route 108) and Elm St. in a large paved area adjacent to the Newmarket Public Library. The Main Tent, Workshop Tent, Artisan Tent, Children's Tent, library, and vendor booths are located here. Waterfront Venue is located at the end of Water Street in Schanda Park and along the Lamprey River. The kayaking, boat rides, climbing wall, juggling workshop, casting workshops and barnyard animals are all located here. Downtown Venue includes the American Legion (Model Trains), the gallery at Ampers& Studio (Historic Newmarket Exhibit), the Newmarket Engine House (Tiger #1 Historic Handtub), the Community Church (Veterans Exhibit and Harvest Supper), and the Stone School Museum. www.heritage-festival.org

October 3 TASTES OF THE HILL: A MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL Richmond Green Sports Centre, 1300 Elgin Mills Road East

On Sunday, October 3, the Town of Richmond Hill is hosting its 3rd annual Tastes of the Hill multicultural food festival. With many vendors available, festival-goers can enjoy a sensational variety of foods from some of Richmond Hill's finest establishments. From Chinese, Japanese and Persian to Italian, Indian, Thai and Greek, there's sure to be something to perk up your palette! Bon appetit! *www.richmondhill.ca*

December 11 -31 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Fairy Lake Park, Water St.

Mayor Van Bynen will 'flip the switch' and turn on all of the light displays. Enjoy a free hot chocolate, supplied by Tim Hortons, and enjoy a train ride on the Tim Hortons Express. The lights will be on every night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. *www.newmarket.ca*

BARRIE / ORILLIA

June 10 - 21 BARRIE JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL Various Barrie and area locations

'A' Television Presents The KOOL FM Barrie Jazz And Blues Festival for Twelve Days in June. An eclectic mix of Jazz and Blues music is performed by some of the best Canadian Artists in over 30 nightclubs, bistros, cafes, bars, libraries and public facilities throughout the City of Barrie and Region. Almost all concerts and shows are free and open to the public. There is plenty of parking for many of the activities, and Barrie can be reached via GO Buses and Trains, and Highways 400 and Hwy. 11.

www.barriejazzbluesfest.com

June 10-13 ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons Highway 12 East Midland

Join Sainte-Marie's staff and share a tribute to Canada's First Nations with special on-site activities, Aboriginal music, and displays. www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

June 11 - 13 ORILLIA SPRING BLUES FESTIVAL Downtown Orillia

A weekend of exciting live blues. The event will host a main stage outdoor event in downtown Orillia all weekend. Featured this year are Chuch Jackson and the All Stars, Shawn Kellerman Band, Johnny Max Band, Paul Reddick Band, Steven Henry Band, Erin McCallum, David Rotundo Band, The Steve Strongman Band and Harrison Kennedy. www.orilliaspringblues.com

June 12 ECOFEST BARRIE Heritage Park, Barrie Waterfront www.ecofestbarrie.ca

June 16 - August 25 3ND ANNUAL LAWN CHAIR LUMINATA

Heritage Park, Lakeshore Drive The Lawn Chair Luminata - Waterfront Series 2010 brings together arts and entertainment, the waterfront and the Downtown core to create the perfect venue for all families and friends to enjoy. This collaboration of theatre, music and film and art all set in Heritage park in Downtown Barrie, is an outdoor series scheduled throughout the summer that is accessible to all. Enjoy the Lawn Chair Luminata and of course bring your lawn chair. *www.tourismbarrie.com*

June 26 - 27 STREETS ALIVE! OUTDOOR ART CELEBRATION Downtown Orillia

The Festival of Banners will be launched off by "Streets Alive!", a weekend full of painting and entertainment in Downtown Orillia. During the celebration, 12 artists will paint specially sized banners in a "live" outdoor setting in the downtown core. These banners will be voted on by the public, and the top 4 artists will be awarded prize money. Their banners will be added to the Festival of Banners collection and prominently displayed throughout the city for all to enjoy.

In addition to presenting this impressive display of artistic talent, Streets Alive! will animate the street and entertain the crowds with music, performance artists, craft displays, and plenty of hands-on activities. *www.orilliastreetsalive.ca*

June 29 - July 1 PROMENADE DAYS 2010 Downtown Barrie, Waterfront Parks Memorial Square, Farmers Market

Fun, excitement and entertainment are what Promenade Days are all about! This is Barrie's largest street festival. Enjoy Downtown Barrie's longest standing Canada Day family weekend. Great main stage entertainment in Memorial Square. Restaurants and street patios will be throughout the event area . Entertainment, buskers, rides, gams, food and fireworks display.

www.downtownbarrie.ca.

July 9 - 11

MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL: 50th ANNIVERSARY Tudhope Park, Orillia

North America's longest running folk festival features an incredible weekend of music! Emporium, artisan's village, folkplay area for kids, food, beer tent & more. *www.mariposafolk.com*

July 8 - 11

9th ANNUAL RIBFEST AND CRAFT BEER SHOW

Memorial Square, Downtown Barrie

The 9th Annual Ribfest and Craft Beer Show is set for another tasty weekend. A great line up of Rib Teams and Craft Brewers will surely temp your taste buds. The Rib Teams get fired up on Thursday July 8th and will keep cooking until Sunday July 11th - (11 am - 11 pm each day except Sunday 11 am - 7 pm). The Craft Beer Show starts Friday July 9th and runs until Sunday July 11th (11 am - 10 pm, Sunday noon - 6 pm)

Special Events - The Celebrity Cook Off -Thursday July 8th 7pm. Cheer on your favorite celebrity team from The City of Barrie, The County of Simcoe, Barrie Police, Barrie Fire, Barrie Paramedics and local media groups.The Rib Team judges will decide who has the best

locall rib sauce!

People's Choice Award - Sunday July 11th at noon: This time it's the 'people's choice'. Find out who has the best ribs and pulled pork at the show decided by a local judging panel of rib and pulled pork enthusiasts. *www.downtownbarrie.ca*

July 16 - 18 ANNUAL ORILLIA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Join the celebrations with Ceilidh at Legion Friday & Sunday; 20 band parade Downtown, pipe & drum competitions, entertainment & vendors at Couchiching Beach Park Saturday; Steak Fry both nights. www.ontariotravel.net

July 20 - 25 ORILLIA LEACOCK SUMMER FESTIVAL Leacock Museum

Ontario's largest summer literary event! Over 25 award-winning authors & emerging fiction, non-fiction & poetry writers, readings, dinners & special events.

www.leacockmuseum.com

July 24 - 25 8TH ANNUAL BLUEBERRY PANCAKE FESTIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION Barrie Hill Farms,

2935 Barrie Hill Road, Barrie

Barrie Council 1626 Knights of Columbus and Barrie Hill Farms are co-hosting their 8th Blueberry Pancake Festival to raise funds for the new Simcoe-Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre, as part of the opening of the blueberry picking season at Barrie Hill Farms. Meal includes pancakes, sausages, coffee or juice. Cost \$7.00 per adult, \$4.50 per child under 10. www.barriehillfarms.com

July 30 - August 2 ROTARY-LIONS ANNUAL FUNFEST Couchiching Beach Park, Orillia,

Midway, vendors, games of chance, great fun for the whole family! www.orillia.com

July 30 - August 2 40TH ANNUAL KEMPENFEST Barrie's Waterfront Parks

One of North America's largest outdoor arts and crafts festivals including an antique show, food, and entertainment. www.kempenfest.com

August 6 - 8 ORILLIA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL Port of Orillia & Couchiching Beach Park

Boats, cottage & outdoor products, artists, fashion show, musical entertainment, water ski shows & fun activities for all ages! Hilarious cardboard boat race on Sunday. *www.orillia.com*

August 13 - 15 BARRIE CARIBFEST Centenial Park and throughout Downtown Barrie

Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the Caribbean. The activities will extend throughout downtown Barrie on the second day, when the costume parade will wind its way through downtown streets, along Lakeshore Drive to Centennial Park, the location of the main stage. There will also be smaller events at various downtown locations, leading up to the festival, including a Caribbean Dinner and Dance Cruise on the Serendipity Princess. Downtown Barrie will come alive with this colorful display of costumes and parades as the masqueraders dance to pulsating Caribbean rhythms along the parade route. The magnificently colorful costumes coupled with the sounds of Caribbean music will present a spectacle that is sure to amaze. Although the costume parade will be a major part of the attraction for the event, equally impressive is the line up of reggae, calypso, steel pan and soca musicians who will be performing on the main stage.

www.caribfest.ca

August 27-28 **RAILWAY COUNTRY AND BLUEGRASS** FESTIVAL KOA Kampground, 139 Reive Blvd., Cookstown (East side of Hwy 89 Cookstown Exit off Highway 400) Showtime 5:00 p.m. - Friday, August 27th 12:00 noon - Saturday, August 28th Performing Artists: Jason McCoy, Amanda Nichole Wilkinson, Larry Cordle, The Higgins, Jetty Road, The Hill Brenders, Shari Lynn, Deric Ruttan, Northern Sons, HoneyGrass and the Canucky Bluegrass Boys. *Free On-Site Parking *Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs www.railfest.ca

August 27 - 29 ANNUAL BARRIE FAIR Steam Show Grounds, Cookstown

The annual Barrie Fair and Horse Show is a family focused event targeting families of all ages. The event presents agriculture in an entertaining, educational fashion with farm animals, horse shows, arts & crafts, flowers, fruits & vegetables, grandstand attractions, musical entertainment and a spectacular midway with rides & games.

www.barriefair.ca

August 28 BARRIE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL Heritage Park, Barrie

Enjoy dragon boat racing, cultural and commercial exhibits, participate in children's activities and much more. *www.barriedragonboatfestival.ca*

September 16 - 19 CARNEGIE DAYS MacLarenArt Centre, Barrie

This festival draws on the origins of the Centre's building as Barrie's public library and celebrates the legacy of Scottish-born American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919), who spent over \$56 million to build 2,509 libraries throughout the Englishspeaking world. Carnegie Days is a free four-day arts festival inspired by the gallery building's origins as a 1917 Carnegie Library. The Festival coincides with Doors Open Barrie (September 19) and includes exhibitions, public projects, lectures, authors' readings, video screenings and workshops at the MacLaren and throughout the city of Barrie *www.maclarenart.com*

September 16 - 19 NEW MUSIC FEST Various Locations, Barrie, Ontario

The 3rd annual Barrie New Music Fest is a four day live music festival scheduled for September 16 - 19, 2010, in support of development of independent musicians in the region. The NMF 2010 will feature over 110 independent live touring artists/bands performing a series of concerts/showcases with 12-15 live music venues. The 2010 New Music Awards ceremony will include over twenty different award categories for independent musicians Nationally.

www.newmusicfest.ca

September 17 - 18 ANNUAL ORILLIA BEATLES CELEBRATION Downtown Orillia

A jam-packed festival celebrating the world's greatest band! Beatle tribute artists & bands Downtown and in venues throughout Orillia, celebrity interviews, Beatles museum and Beatles marketplace. www.orilliabeatlescelebration.com

September 17 - 19 SIMCOE COUNTY QUILT, RUG & CRAFT FAIR Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy 26 Minesing

The Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair is a wonderful showcase of heritage crafts from many different craft guilds of the region. Beautiful quilting, embroidery, spinning, handweaving, and rug hooking will be on display and for sale by the guild members who handcrafted them. The Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association Members Boutique is a must see as well with folk art painting, knitting, beadwork, and more for sale. Discover new skills at one of the hands on demonstrations, talk to the experts and get advice, or simply shop for some unique gifts for yourself or others. Centuries ago, these crafts were passed on from generation to generation as everyday life skills. These skills are now used to create beautiful works of art out of enjoyment and not just necessity. Stop by the Merchant Mall to purchase your own supplies to take home, and visit the museum grounds to view some of the permanent displays and heritage buildings. Enjoy one of the many homemade sandwiches and goodies for sale by the members of the Grenfel United Church. Show hours are 9:30a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Simcoe County Museum is located at 1151 Highway 26, Minesing, minutes north of Barrie.

www.simcoe.ca

September 17 - 18 ORO WORLD'S FAIR Oro-Medonte Fairgrounds, 7th Line & 15/16 Sideroad, Hawkestone

Midway, demo derby, truck & tractor pulls, horse & pony shows, antique power show & tool display, school fair, amateur talent show & more!

www.oroworldsfair.com

September 24 - 25 1ST ANNUAL GREAT CANADIAN BEAVER RACE & FESTIVAL Heritage Park, Downtown Barrie

This annual festival is a celebration of being Canadian with an emphasis on the iconic beaver. Come out and take part in this family event which will consist of a Beaver Race & Beaver Lane on September 25th, along with entertainment all weekend long. Beaver Lane will take place from 10 am - 4 pm. You will witness a display of exhibitors, artisans and vendors that are all representative of the beaver, being Canadian and both. This event will also feature Canadian Mounties, road hockey with NHLers, a Beaver Tail vendor and more. Bring the whole family to this Canadian celebration and watch the Beaver Race too! It's free for the whole family. www.barriebeaverfestival.com

September 25 ORILLIA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL Couchiching Beach Park

A parade of colourful dragon boats and friendly, competitive atmosphere create a fun and exciting racing event! Cultural exhibits and children's activities with the proceeds to The Community Foundation of Orillia and area. www.dragon-boats.com

October 9 - 10 THANKSGIVING HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, Midland Celebrate the Fall Season with the Thanksgiving Harvest Festival and the return of the popular Arts & Crafts Show and Sale. Harvest activities and displays, the history of corn, Native foods, and more! The quality Arts & Crafts Show features outstanding artisans offering a diverse range of craft and food items. Admission to the show is included in the price of regular admission to the historic site. www.saintmarieamongthehurons.on.ca

October 15 - 24 13TH ANNUAL BARRIE FILM FESTIVAL Imperial 8 Cinemas, 55 Dunlop St. W., Barrie

Featuring independent and Canadian films, Festival Gala and Director's Brunch. www.barriefilmfestival.ca

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June 12 ANNE FESTIVAL Historic Leaskdale Church

Old fashioned fun for the family. Games, stories, crafts and Anne look alike Contest. www.lucymaudmontgomery.ca

June 11 - 12 PICKERING VILLAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village

2 Stages! Bring along your lawn chair and catch all the shows! Good Music! Good Fun! Good Eats!

www.pickeringvillagejazzfestival.com

June 27 ANNUAL STELLAR LITERARY FESTIVAL Parkwood Estate

A one day event, celebrates established and emerging Durham Region / GTA writers, poets, readers, story tellers, script writers; screen writers; songwriters. Just as musicians need listeners, so do our poets and writers. Something for everyone! This is not a book fair in which the primary objective is to sell books. This is a celebration/festival for everyone in the community in an informal atmosphere encouraging discussion and conversation among all of those in attendance. No Entry Fee. www.stellarliteraryfestival.com

June 12 - 13 PEONY FESTIVAL Oshawa Botanical Gardens

A celebration of Canada's largest contemporary peony collection. The festival times are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on both days. Admission is free and don't forget to bring your camera. www.ovbgoshawa.ca

June 20 - 26 FIESTA WEEK Memorial Park and various pavilions. Oshawa

Fiesta Week could simply be described as "A Taste Of Durham". It's an annual week-long Multicultural Family Festival that gives the residents of Durham Region the opportunity to experience European, Asian and Caribbean cultures and foods without having to get on a plane. Fiesta Week starts each year on Father's Day with the Fiesta Parade (starting at 12:30 p.m.), immediately followed by the Fiesta Concert in Memorial Park. The rest of the week you can sample the food and entertainment at the various pavilions located around Oshawa.

www.fiestaweek.ca

June 26 - 27 MÉTIS HERITAGE CELEBRATION Oshawa Memorial Park

The Oshawa Metis Council anticipates over 2000 guests for their 3rd annual Metis Heritage Celebration. Oshawa and surrounding area families are all invited! Metis, native, aboriginal or not; all are welcome! We are planning a wide variety of entertainment, music, dance, interactive activities and demonstrations throughout the day. Featuring: - award winning artists - fiddlers, drummers, jiggers, singers - artifiacts and sacred medicines - aboriginal gifts - story telling - games - demonstrations

www.oshawametiscouncil.piczo.com

July 1

MUSIC BY THE BAY FESTIVAL Liverpool Road South & Millennium Square, Pickering

The Music By The Bay Festival is the ultimate experience, spotlighting new and emerging artists under the age of 21. Taking place along Liverpool Road South and at Millennium Square in Frenchman's Bay on the shores of Lake Ontario in Pickering, Ontario. This annual 1-day music blowout features stages offering live music from 1:30-dusk (last year, Canada Day Celebration attendance topped 30,000). Backline provided; just plug in and play. The festival celebrates diversity in music and features a variety of local, regional and national performers in genres including everything from alternative, country, R&B and reggae to blues, zydeco, rock n' roll, pop, and more. This year's Music By The Bay Festival will be held on July 1, as part of Pickering's Canada Day Celebrations and will continue to provide exciting entertainment for all ages and musical tastes. There are a variety of restaurants and shops in the area plus children and families will enjoy the Waterfront Park making Frenchman's Bay a summer destination. Pack a lunch, bring the dog and plan to spend a day by the bay. This is a free event. www.musicbythebayfestival.com

July 9 - 10 OSHAWA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens Durham's largest and most inclusive, global arts festival. Over 30 pipe and drum bands from across Canada in sanctioned competition along with ethnic groups. Experience the majesty, passion and stirring sounds of the very best pipers and band ensembles. Best of all, this event is free to the public - area residents and visitors alike - so join us for all or part of the weekend's festivities. www.oshawainternationalfestival.com

July 24 - 25 NORTHERN ANIME FESTIVAL Durham College

NAF is an annual convention for all who enjoy anime & manga, video games, and other various things from or inspired by Japan's pop culture. There are many exciting events for all you enjoy, such as panels and workshops, gaming room, special guests, video rooms, costume contests, & more! www.northernanime.ca

August 7 CELEBRATE AJAX BY THE LAKE Rotary Park, Ajax

Experience Ajax's waterfront like never before with events taking place at various locations along the waterfront. Grab a passport at any location and check out the interactive activities for the whole family.

Activities will include: A Taste of Ajax, Kite flying, entertainment and much more. FREE (Nominal fees may apply for food and beverages). Ajax residents and visitors are invited to "Celebrate Ajax" at 4 different venues across the beautiful waterfront. As part of the event, the Town will host a Movie in the Park down the road at Rotary Park. *www.townofajax.com*

August 27 - 29 AUTOFEST Downtown Oshawa

Enjoy live entertainment and over 400 classic cars during this free community event. Entertainment starts at 5pm and ends at 10 pm. Road closures apply from 2 pm on. *www.downtownoshawa.ca*

September 11 - 13 OSHAWA ROTARY RIBFEST Lakeview Park

Come to Durham's original, largest and most successful Ribfest, the 8th annual Oshawa Rotary Ribfest hosted by the Rotary Club of Oshawa. All proceeds from Ribfest are used by the Rotary Club of Oshawa to support children and youth activities and services in the community.

www.oshawaribfest.com

September 18 DOORS OPEN AJAX Town of Ajax

Doors Open Ajax welcomes residents and visitors to tour and explore heritage and other sites of interest, hear local stories, view collections and experience a history they often never knew before. No pre-registration or tickets are required and admission is FREE. Many of the participating sites are normally closed to the public, making your visit a rare treat.

www.townofajax.com

September 18 - 19 FALL ART FESTIVAL Camp Samac, Oshawa

Oshawa Art Association members Art show & sale. Fri, Sat and Sun. 10 am to 5 pm each day. Paintings and prints by local artists. This is a free event.

www.oshawaartassociation.com

September 25 - 26 DOORS OPEN OSHAWA

Doors Open is a province-wide celebration of community heritage designed to create access, awareness and excitement about our heritage. Doors Open provides residents and visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy sometimes hidden and always interesting places and spaces in our cities, towns and villages - all free of charge! *www.oshawa.ca*

October 16 from 11 PUMPKINVILLE Greenwood Conservation Area (Located north on Westney Road, north of Taunton Road.) Ajax

There will be nominal fees for some activities, pumpkins, food and beverages. Don't miss out on Pumpkinville. An annual event hosted by the Town of Ajax (Recreation & Culture). There are lots of exciting activities for the whole family, including: Activities & Crafts (Hosted by the Ontario Early Years Centre), Face Painting, Food and Beverages at the Pumpkinville Grill, Haunted House, Inflatable Rides, KenJen Petting Zoo, Marshmallow Roast, Pumpkin Patch and Pumpkin Carving Contest, Spooky Science Experiments (Hosted by Girls Inc.) The Librarians have gone batty at Pumpkinville! Visit the Ajax Library tent to create your own bat or spider bracelet and don't miss the West Coast Lumberjack Show (Showtimes: Noon and 3 p.m.) www.townofajax.com

October 3 FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL Pickering Museum Village

Pickering Museum Village Foundation's annual fundraising event with music, children's activities, amazing raffle, 4th Annual Rubber Duckie Race and more fun for the whole family. This is a free event.

city of pickering.com

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